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Minutes of the 1080th Meeting

The 1080th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club took place at Marcello's Restaurant, 645 W. North Ave. The annual banquet and election meeting was called to order by President Robert Feiler at 7PM with 27 members and guests in attendance. A motion was made and passed to accept the November Minutes as published in the *Chatter* and to adopt an abbreviated agenda for this meeting.

Following an invocation by Richard Hamilton, President Feiler thanked the following members who were all given a warm round of applause: Steve Zitowsky, Banquet Chairman; Sharon & Kevin Blocker, Mark Wieclaw and Bill Burd for complimentary hor d'oeuvres; Sharon & Kevin Blocker for the room deposit and complimentary dinner for the speakers.

A motion was made and passed to accept David Greenstein as a member following the second reading of his application. Following the dinner course, Jeff Rosinia surprised his wife, Kathy, with a birthday cake and led everyone in singing *Happy Birthday!*

First V.P. Jeffrey Rosinia introduced the evening's featured speaker Ron Guinazzo who delivered a program *Treasure Hunting in England*. Following a question and answer period, Ron received an engraved Club medal and an ANA Educational Certificate.

Jeffrey Rosinia presented the 2008 Cabeen Exhibit Awards. Recipients were: First Place, Mark Wieclaw; Second Place, Marc Stackler; Honorable Mention, Steve Zitowsky and Lyle Daly. Honorable Mention also went to Robert Leonard, Robert Weinstein, and Winston Zack who were unable to attend.

The slate of officers nominated to serve for 2009-10 was passed unanimously. They are: President Jeffrey Rosinia, First V.P. Lyle Daly, Second V.P. Elliot Krieter, Archivist William Burd, Directors Eugene Freeman, Marc Stackler, Carl Wolf, and Immediate Past President Robert Feiler.

A raffle conducted by Carl Wolf of nine blind wrapped gifts brought in \$119.00 for the general treasury. In a surprise display of enthusiasm, guest speaker Ron Guinazzo also put two hammered copper rose farthings into the raffle. Both were struck during the reign of King Charles, 1634-36 AD and found during Ron's treasure hunts.

The last act of President Feiler was to turn over the meeting gavel to incoming President Jeffrey Rosina and call the meeting adjourned at 9:19 PM.

Following adjournment the members socialized, viewed the two cases filled with artifacts found by Ron Guinazzo, and enjoyed a short holiday trumpet serenade from Jeff Rosinia.

Sincerely Submitted,
Carl Wolf, Secretary

Our 1081st Meeting

Date: January 14, 2009

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Downtown Chicago

At the Chicago Bar Association, 321 S. Plymouth Court, 3rd floor meeting room. *Please remember the security measures at our meeting building: everyone must show their photo-ID and register at the guard's desk.* A few blocks west of the CBA building is the Ceres Restaurant (enter the Board of Trade building from Jackson at LaSalle, then enter the restaurant from the lobby) with standard sandwiches, burgers and salads for members who want to meet for dinner.

Featured speaker: Mark Wieclaw - *The Bank Notes of the Central Bank of Brasil, Cruziero Issues 1942-67*

Brasil has been plagued by rampant inflation for decades. This presentation deals with the period from 1942 to 1967, when the notes were valued in Cruzeiros. What is interesting is the variety of hand signed and machine signed notes, twelve denominations, three different printing companies, and a few other oddities. Emergency issues at the beginning of this period, as the Mil Reis was on it's way out, and emergency issues toward the end when the New Cruzeiro was being introduced, make for challenging collecting.

Birthday and Year Joined

February 2 Tillie Boosel

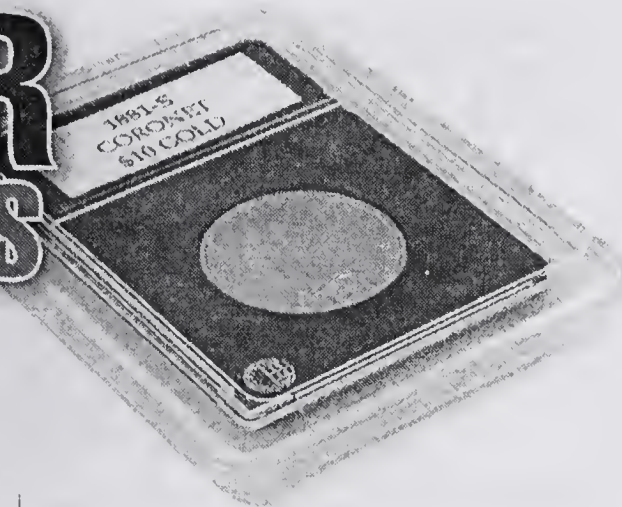
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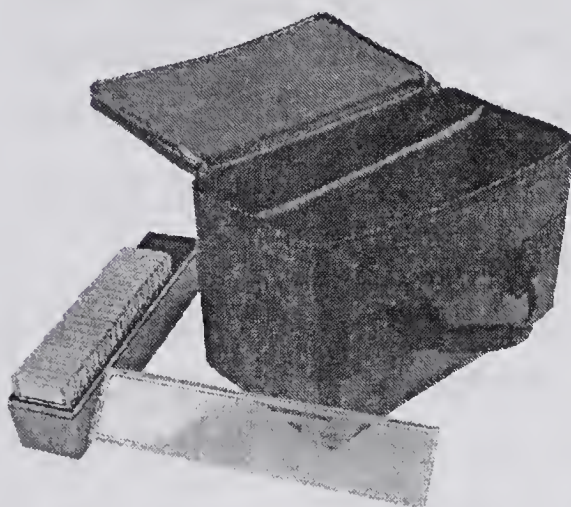
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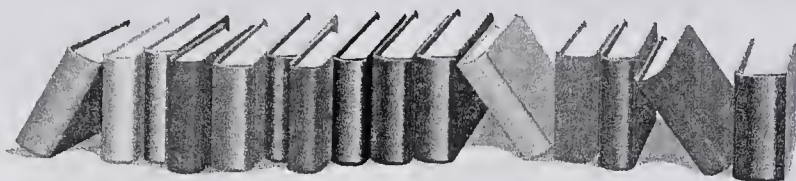
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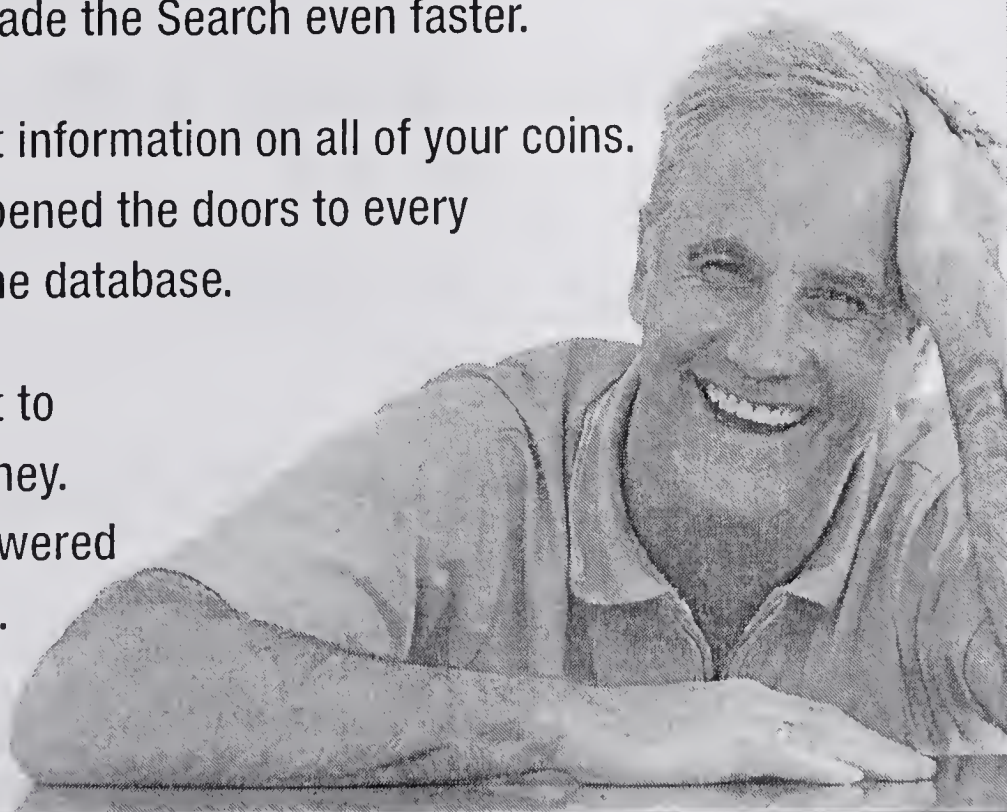


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Chicago Coin Club 90th Anniversary Committee

Minutes of December 17, 2008

The fourth meeting of the Chicago Coin Club's 90th Anniversary Committee was held December 17, 2008 at Connie's Pizza, 2372 S. Archer Ave., Chicago. Chairman Mark Wieclaw called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM with seven committee members present: Kevin and Sharon Blocker, William Burd, Jeff Rosinia, Elliot Krieter, Marc Stackler and Carl Wolf.

Carl Wolf reported on the investigation of holding a series of educational lectures on *Lincoln in Numismatics* at the Chicago History Museum (CHM). The CHM responded to the CCC's general proposal and declined to make it part of their year-long anniversary celebration of Lincoln's birth. The CCC could still hold a program but would need to rent a seminar room, etc. which would probably require a sponsor. The committee felt the program's concept was a good idea, and agreed that it would require work, planning, and a co-sponsor. Several good suggestions were raised and will be pursued.

However, the committee felt the Club needs to make concrete plans soon and not miss the opportunity to honor the anniversary at the April Chicago International Coin Fair (CICF). Authorization was given to Sharon Blocker to make reservations for Saturday evening April 25th at Giannotti Italian Restaurant, 4926 N. River Road, Schiller Park at an anticipated cost of \$38 per person. Invitations with RSVP cards, etc. were also authorized. Mark Wieclaw reported on correspondence with David Hendin, the banquet speaker.

Trays of medals were passed around to much discussion. Some time was spent explaining the difference between the *die-struck* and *die-cast* method of creating a medal. Carl Wolf presented an initial proposal on a high-relief, three-dimensional, die cast 2" x 4" x 1/4" solid brass medal with tooling \$800-\$900 front, \$600-\$700 reverse. Running charge of \$34.50 each for 100, or \$32.00 each for 250. Consecutive numbering cost of \$1.75 each, plus a \$10 engraving set-up charge for the entire order. Production time would be about 4 weeks after approval of art. Sterling silver and gold medals would be very difficult to produce with the die-cast method.

Carl was asked to make an additional proposal at the next meeting on *die-struck* bronze medals, the cost to also issue a limited number of sterling silver and gold, and include a proposal to create a bronze process set.

Members reached consensus on the following features of an anniversary medal:

- The image should be Augustus Saint-Gaudens' statue of Abraham Lincoln which stands in Lincoln Park just east of the CHM.

- The medal should be rectangular.
- The medal should be made in the USA and say so.
- The medal should not include additional images.
- Inquiries would be made for a donation(s) to cover tooling charges.
- The medal should be ready for distribution at the April 25th banquet.

The next committee meeting is scheduled for January 21, 2009 at Connie's Pizza.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Carl F. Wolf, Secretary

Important Dates

January	14	CCC Meeting - Featured Speaker - Mark Wieclaw on <i>The Bank Notes of the Central Bank of Brasil, Cruziero Issues 1942-67</i>
February	11	CCC Meeting - Featured Speaker - Warren Schultz on <i>to be announced</i>
March	6-8	15th Annual Chicago Paper Money Expo (CPMX) at the Crown Plaza Chicago O'Hare, 5440 North River Road, Rosemont, IL. Admission is \$5 for Friday and Saturday; free on Sunday.
March	7	CCC Meeting - 1pm at the Chicago Paper Money Expo, which is held at the Crown Plaza Chicago O'Hare, 5440 North River Road, Rosemont, IL. No admission charge for our meeting. Featured Speaker - <i>to be announced</i>
March	11	CCC Meeting - Featured Speaker - <i>to be announced</i>
April	8	CCC Meeting - Featured Speaker - <i>to be announced</i>
April	24-26	34th Annual Chicago International Coin Fair (CICF) at the Crown Plaza Chicago O'Hare, 5440 North River Road, Rosemont, IL. Admission is \$5 for Friday and Saturday; free on Sunday.
April	25	CCC Meeting - 1pm at the Chicago International Coin Fair (CICF), which is held at the Crown Plaza Chicago O'Hare, 5440 North River Road, Rosemont, IL. No admission charge for our meeting. Featured Speaker - <i>to be announced</i>
May	13	CCC Meeting - Featured Speaker - <i>to be announced</i>

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Minutes of the 1081st Meeting

The 1081ST meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was held January 14, 2009 in the Chicago Bar Association Building, 321 S. Plymouth Court, Downtown Chicago. President Jeffrey Rosinia called the meeting to order at 7 PM with 17 members present.

The November Minutes as printed in the *Chatter* were approved as published. The December Minutes were approved as published with the following addition, "Outgoing President Feiler was presented with an engraved Past-Presidents medal." Treasurer Steve Zitowsky reported Nov-Dec income \$4,908.00, expenses \$4,480.78 and income \$427.22, leaving total assets of \$13,499.87 which is in Life Memberships \$2,630.00 and Members' Equity \$10,869.87. Zitowsky also reported 2009 income of \$9,916.51, expenses \$8,131.64 and income \$1,784.87. Following several questions, the reports were approved.

First V.P. Lyle Daly introduced featured speaker, Mark Wieclaw, who delivered a program on *The Bank Notes of the Central Bank of Brasil, Cruziero Issues 1942-67*. Following a question and answer period, Mark was presented with an engraved medal and ANA Educational Certificate.

Second V.P. Elliot Krieter introduced the evening's exhibitors: RICHARD LIPMAN – paper money error, toned U.S. silver dollars & U.N. stamps with coin images; MARK WIECLAW – 3 ancient Greek coins; MARC STACKLER – 2 Mexican coins; DAVID GUMM – 8 coins from British Colonial India; STEVE ZITOWSKY – 2 anti-slavery tokens and 3 coins from 17-19 century Europe; BILL BURD – book *The Medals of Johann Carl Hedlinger*; LYLE DALY – U.S. banknote error, various South American bank notes & receipt from Chicago Day, Oct 9, 1893, Columbian Exposition; CLIFFORD MISHLER – cellophane wrapped 1935D U.S. silver certificate advertising Naval Air Reserve and a Christmas card from New Holland Implement with 10 1923 Peace dollars; ROBERT FEILER – 11 examples counterfeit coinage; ROBERT KULYS – Lithuanian 2008 100-litas gold proof coin; ROBERT WEINSTEIN – 8 elongated coins.

President Rosinia presented Honorable Mention 2008 Cabeen Exhibit award medals to Robert Weinstein and Lyle Daly who were unable to attend the

December meeting. *Chatter* Editor and Webmaster Paul Hybert was given a warm round of applause in recognition of his work.

Under Old Business, Mark Wieclaw announced the next meeting of the 90th Anniversary Committee as January 21, 2009 at Connie's 2372 S. Archer Ave., Chicago.

Under New Business, Clifford Mishler spoke before the membership on his candidacy for President of the American Numismatic Association. Member David Greenstein also spoke on his candidacy for Governor. After brief discussion, a motion was made and passed to endorse Mishler's candidacy. It was decided to delay governor endorsements until the February or March meeting.

Under correspondence a letter was read from member Dr. Robert Wallace who is teaching Greek Numismatics at the University of Pisa. A ballot from the Central States Numismatic Society was read and a motion was made and passed supporting their constitutional change creating separate positions of Secretary and Treasurer.

An open discussion was held dealing with recruiting more young collectors with members relating their experiences when young or efforts to engage their own children in the hobby.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 PM.

Sincerely Submitted,
Carl Wolf, Secretary

Birthday and Year Joined

March 7	Bruno Rzepka	1968
March 16	Michael Brodsky	1991
March 16	Jared Irish	2007
March 19	Charles Ricard	1963
March 20	Robert Wallace	2007
March 20	Casimer Fadze	2007
March 29	Nancy Wilson	1984
March 31	Andrew E. Michyeta III	1984

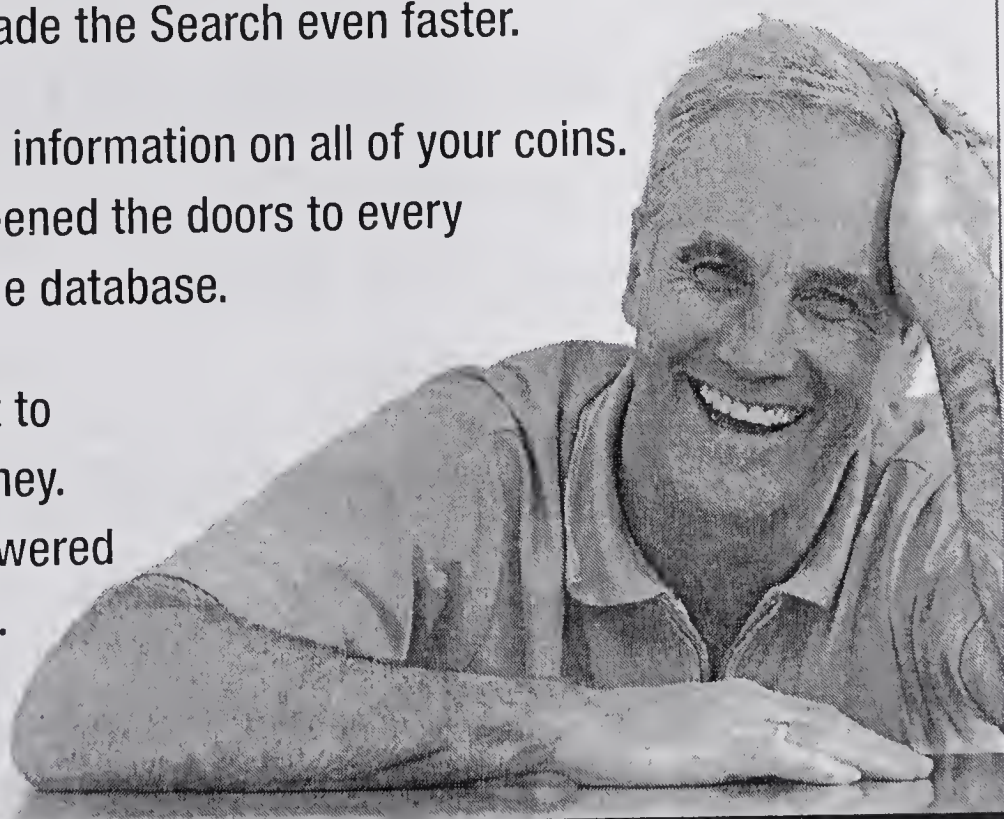


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Speaker's Wor[l]d

The Bank Notes of the Central Bank of Brasil, Cruziero Issues 1942-67

by Mark Wieclaw,
presented to our January 14, 2009 meeting

Why banknotes from Brazil? Mark started collecting them years ago, starting with the colorful notes that were selling for 50 cents each. Then a few more, and then the hard ones. His collection is complete, and only a few types have not been upgraded to uncirculated pieces.

Inflation was the reason for introducing a new denomination. Typically, the last three zeroes were dropped when going from the old denominations to the new denominations. The Cruzeiro issues were used for 25 years, from 1942 to 1967, after replacing the Mil Reis issues that had been used for 109 years, from 1833 to 1942. The Cruzeiro Novo issues were used for 19 years, from 1967 to 1986. Then change came more often between 1986 and 1995: the Cruzado lasted 35 months, the New Cruzado lasted 15 months, the Cruzeiro name was reused for 41 months, to be followed by the Cruzeiro Real for 23 months. From 1995 to the present, the Real has been used.

Although the Cruzeiro was first mentioned in 1926, action was not taken until 1941. The transition period lasted for years, with some Mil Reis issues stamped as Cruzeiro in 1942. The Mil Reis pieces were recalled in 1952, and had no value by 1955.

The Cruzeiro notes are in 12 denominations: the 10, 20, 50, 100, 200, 500, and 1,000 were introduced in 1942, the 1, 2, and 5 were introduced in 1944, and the 5,000 and 10,000 were introduced in 1966. The American Banknote Company produced notes starting in 1942, Thomas De La Rue of London started in 1949, with the Case de Moneda in Brazil producing only the 5 Cruzeiro of 1961-1962. Waterlow was mentioned but never used.

Until 1950, the notes had the large signature of the Minister of Finance printed diagonally across the central portrait on the front. Starting in 1951, two small signatures (of the Minister of Finance and of the Director of Amortization) appear low, flanking the central portrait. The transition of the *Valor Recebedo* legend under the central portrait to *Valor Legal* occurred in 1954.

The Marquis of Tamandare, a well known admiral, appears on the 1 Cruzeiro note. The Duke of Caxias, a field marshall and patron of the army, appears on the 2. The Baron of Rio Branco, the Minister of Exterior from 1902-1912, appears on the 5. Getulio Vargas, president of the republic from 1930 to 1945, appears on the

10. Marshal Manuel Deodoro, proclaimer of the republic in November of 1889, appears on the 20. Princess Isabel, former heir of Don Pedro II, appears on the 50. Don Pedro II, second emperor of Brazil, appears on the 100. Don Pedro I, first emperor of Brazil from 1822-1831, appears on the 200. Don Joao VI, king of Portugal and Brazil 1815-1822, appears on the 500. Admiral Pedro Calgral, Portuguese discoverer of Brazil on April 22, 1500, appears on the 1,000. Lieutenant Joaquim da Silva Xavier, an early martyr for liberty, appears on the 5,000. And Santos Dumont, a famous aviator of the early 20th century, appears on the 10,000.

The back of each note typically features a scene that is related to the person portrayed on the front. The standard reference, by del Seppa, details when each *estampa* number was used and provides other information on this series. As part of the transition to the Novo Cruzeiro, old notes were reissued stamped with a new value. Mark mentioned that the 50 Cruzeiro was revalued to 5 centavos. The notes with a single signature are harder to find, and the perfect alignment of the color plates make for beautiful pieces.

Show and Tell

Items shown at our January 14, 2009 meeting.

1. Richard Lipman showed a range of items:

- Three sets of four U.N. postage stamps from the Flag and Coin program. A set is issued each year from each of New York, Geneva, and Vienna. Each stamp includes the flag and a coin from a U.N. member nation.
- A few small souvenir folders from the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, each containing a mini sheet. The lowest note of each mini sheet shows the last few digits of the left serial number lower than the digits to the left. No one else remembered seeing such a thing, but it is subtle. Could there be more out there?
- A group of slabbed Morgan silver dollars with odd coloring. The coloring appeared flat on the projected image, looking much better on the actual coin.

2. Mark Wieclaw

- Among other interests, likes coins with Pegasus — Usually found on Corinthian staters, flying to either the left or right, with the front and hind legs forward. The hind legs are to the rear on the reverse of a piece from Leucus. The upper case lambda under Pegasus identifies this coin as from Leucus. The obverse shows a helmeted Athena with a ladel behind.
- A gold pentekontadrachm weighing 13.8 grams, with Ptolemy II and his wife on the obverse. The reverse shows their two children.
- A gold octadrachm with Ptolemy III and his wife.

3. **Marc Stackler** brought two cast pieces from the Mexican Revolution:
 - A legitimate 1813 8 *reales* piece from San Felipe de Chihuahua. Lacking minting equipment but possessing silver, they cast coins after making molds with real coins. Two single-character counterstamps flank the bust on the obverse. The “used” coins carried letters for the issuing town and for the assayer, so this piece used CA for the town and shows the local assayer’s initials. They had equipment to edge the coins, so the edges are correct.
 - A fake SUDS piece — a cast copper copy of a silver cast 8 *reales* coin from 1811.
4. **David Gumm** showed a range of small denomination coins from British India:
 - A 1914 ½ pice, a 1944 1 pice, a 1932 1/12 anna, a 1933 ¼ anna, a 1942 ½ anna, a 1944 1 anna, a 1945 2 annas, and a 1919 4 annas.
5. **Steve Zitowsky** showed a range of items:
 - A Wedgwood ceramic version of the “Am I Not a Man and a Brother?” anti-slavery token from the 19th century. This piece, with black devices on a white surface, probably was made within the last 50 years.
 - An 1838 US copper token, large cent sized, “Am I Not a Woman and a Sister?”
 - A British copper token memorializing George IV, well worn and beaten, possibly from 1837. The reverse wording includes “Abolished Slavery 1831.”
 - A lovely, silver dollar sized, 1793 1 guilder from Utrecht, one of the seven provinces that formed the Netherlands.
 - A 1634 lion dollar from West Friesland, another of the seven provinces. In poor shape, with clipping and corrosion, Steve acquired this silver piece on the street, long ago in eastern Africa.
6. **Bill Burd** showed the book *The Medals of Johann Carl Hedlinger* written by Chretien Mechel in 1776-78. Two volumes in one, consisting of 64 pages and 40 well-executed engraved plates. Hedlinger, a Swiss medalist, served as the chief engraver at the Stockholm Mint in the mid 1700s.
7. **Lyle Daly** showed some paper pieces:
 - Multiple notes from South and Central America, made by De La rue and American Banknote: some from Brazil to complement the evening’s featured speaker, a Cuban 20 peso by ABC, a Mexican 5 peso by ABC, and a Mexican 1 peso featuring an Aztec design element.
 - A U.S. \$5 of series 1977A, with a small gutter fold on the obverse but full printing on the reverse.
 - A ticket or admission receipt to the World’s Columbian Exhibition, good for October 9, 1893, Chicago Day. The name E.S. Woolbridge is written in ink in a margin.
8. **Clifford Mishler** showed some unusual items acquired at the recent FUN show:

- A cellophane wrapped U.S. 1935D series \$5, marked Naval Air Reserve of Lincoln, Nebraska. This type of item was produced from the late 1940s through the early 1960s, and showed the effect on the local economy of a payroll.
 - From the outside, it appears as a large currency gift envelope made from heavy card stock. The printed “Merry Christmas,” “Happy New Year,” and “New Holland” are not unusual on the cover. But open it, and you see 10 uncirculated 1923 Peace dollars. Cliff is uncertain as to when this was made for New Holland Implement, but the printing style appears to be from after the 1920s.
9. **Robert Feiler** started with a recent article on counterfeit coins, and then showed an assortment of 11 counterfeit coins. However, Marc Stackler identified one of the crude pieces as a cast provisional Mexican piece. We can be a rough crowd, denouncing your prized coin as counterfeit, or, as in this case, denouncing your prized counterfeit as genuine.
 10. **Robert Kulys** showed a 2008 gold proof 100 litas from Lithuania, issued to commemorate the 1,000th anniversary of the name of Lithuania. On the reverse, small characters are used to list important events and dates in Lithuanian history.
 11. For six weeks in late 2008, two sellers on eBay listed a total of 400 scarce to rare elongated coins. **Robert Weinstein** showed what he obtained:
 - A Liberty nickel from the Trans Mississippi Exposition in Omaha.
 - A holed “My Lucky Cent” on an 1856 Large Cent. The design appears to be from the early 20th century.
 - A 1911 Liberty nickel honoring the *New Orleans*, the first steamboat on the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers. Fulton’s partner was a Roosevelt (uncle to Teddy), and, while waiting at Louisville for the river to rise over some rapids, the boat made money with daily upriver excursions.
 - A 1911 Liberty nickel with a Lucky Cent design dated Nov 1912, from the No-Tsu-Oh carnival in Houston. (That is Houston spelled backwards.) Bob mentioned that contemporary newspapers expressed the hope that this corny, hick event would soon disappear from the modern, growing city. And it soon did.
 - New York World’s Fair on a Jefferson nickel. One general design from this fair is very common, with the designs for individual attractions nowhere as common. This design is for the 1940 Merry Jitterbugs attraction.
 - Another design from this fair, the 1940 Music Building on a 1940 Washington quarter.
 - From a later New York World’s Fair, the 1965 Masonic Center on a Jefferson nickel.
 - An 1893 Columbian Expo on a 2 Cent piece, a hard denomination from that event.

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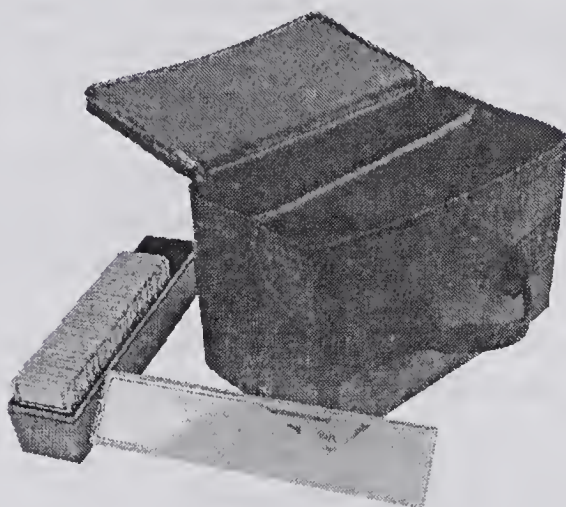
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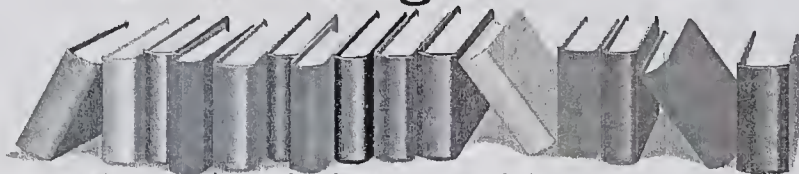
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Chicago Coin Club 90th Anniversary Committee

Minutes of January 21, 2009

The fifth meeting of the Chicago Coin Club's 90th Anniversary Committee was held January 21, 2009 at Connie's Pizza, 2372 S. Archer Ave., Chicago.

Chairman Mark Wieclaw called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM with seven committee members present: Kevin and Sharon Blocker, William Burd, Elliot Krieter, Gene Freeman, Robert Feiler and Carl Wolf.

Carl Wolf passed around several pieces of literature concerning the year-long anniversary celebration honoring Lincoln's birth. Among the packet were pamphlets from the Chicago History Museum and a recently published article from *Coin World*.

Authorization was given to Sharon Blocker to order invitations for the Saturday evening April 25th banquet at Giannotti Italian Restaurant, 4926 N. River Road, Schiller Park.

Trays of medals were passed around to much discussion. Carl Wolf presented an initial proposal on die-struck anniversary medals at the following cost:

1. 2-3/8" X 4" X .204" Thick Solid Brass Two Sided Medallion — Tooling Front: \$1300.00; Tooling Back: \$365.00
2. Engrave Consecutive Number: Included; Engraving Set-Up: Included
3. Production Time: 8 weeks after art approval
4. Freight: FOB Indiana
5. Oxidized Bronze: 100 @ \$17.00 each; 250 @ \$12.90 each
6. Process Set in Bronze: \$45.00 for set of 3 medals; does not include final oxidized piece or blank
7. .999 Silver (\$11.50/troy ounce): 25 @ \$250.00; 50 @ \$225.00; 100 @ \$215.00
8. 10K Gold (\$849.25/troy ounce): 1 @ \$6,200.00; 2 @ \$6,100.00

After a discussion, the committee decided to ask for more information on:

1. Go back to the mint and clarify the 10K gold price.
2. A medal price on nickel-silver
3. An estimate on freight from the mint to Chicago
4. An estimate on receiving 10 lead trial strikes
5. The cost of a gift box

Chairman Wieclaw announced donations of \$1,000 to cover tooling costs. The following decisions were made:

1. Authorization for the mint to begin engraving the dies showing Lincoln

- facing right. Background to be faint images of trees from the park.
2. Rearranged the proposed alpha copy of the back.
 3. Make arrangements to sell the oxidized bronze at \$20.00 pre-order; \$25.00 after; .999 silver \$265.00 on pre-order basis only.
 4. Prepare to order Process Sets, but additional pieces need to be added before a final price is determined.

The committee strongly favored a souvenir booklet with updated Club history. Bill Burd promised to look into costs and selling advertising. Bob Feiler agreed to begin writing a press release.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:12 PM and will reconvene at the same location February 18th.

Respectfully Submitted,
Carl F. Wolf, Secretary

Our 1082nd Meeting

Date: February 11, 2009

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Downtown Chicago

At the Chicago Bar Association, 321 S. Plymouth Court, 3rd floor meeting room. *Please remember the security measures at our meeting building: **everyone** must show their photo-ID and register at the guard's desk.* A few blocks west of the CBA building is the Ceres Restaurant (enter the Board of Trade building from Jackson at LaSalle, then enter the restaurant from the lobby) with standard sandwiches, burgers, and salads for members who want to meet for dinner.

Featured speaker: Warren Schultz - *A Numismatic Mystery from Mandatory Palestine*
The noted scholar of Islamic Art, L. A. Mayer, whose personal collection forms the basis of the museum now bearing his name in Jerusalem, was one of the curators of coins for the Palestine Archaeological Museum (now known as the Rockefeller Museum) during the British Mandate in Palestine. In that role, he was in the process of compiling a catalogue of coins of the Mamluk Sultanate (1250-1517) when the 1948 war broke out, and Mayer was separated from the museum and his manuscript. The subsequent history of the manuscript and the coin casts for the plates is rather interesting, and offers a neat case of forensic numismatics.

Important Dates

- February 11** CCC Meeting - Featured Speaker - Warren Schultz on *A Numismatic Mystery from Mandatory Palestine*
- March 6-8** 15th Annual Chicago Paper Money Expo (CPMX) at the Crown Plaza Chicago O'Hare, 5440 North River Road, Rosemont, IL. Admission is \$5 for Friday and Saturday; free on Sunday.
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- May 13** CCC Meeting - Featured Speaker - *to be announced*

Chatter Matter

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Minutes of the 1082nd Meeting

The 1082nd meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was held February 11, 2009 in the Chicago Bar Association Building, 321 S. Plymouth Court, Downtown Chicago. President Jeffrey Rosinia called the meeting to order at 7 PM with 22 members present.

The January Minutes printed in the *Chatter* were approved as published. Treasurer Steve Zitowsky reported January income \$540.00, expenses \$86.66 and income \$458.34, leaving total assets of \$13,718.21 which is in Life Memberships \$2,390.00 and Members' Equity \$11,328.21. Zitowsky reported \$240.00 from the Life Membership moved into checking.

President Rosinia introduced featured speaker, Warren Schultz who delivered the program *A Numismatic Mystery from Mandatory Palestine*.

Second V.P. Elliot Krieter introduced the evening's exhibitors. DON DOOL: South American tokens, medals & stock certificates; MARK WIECLAW: 50th Anniversary Medal of Will County Coin Club, "Ballistic Roll" of Jefferson nickels, several gold & silver pieces; SHARON BLOCKER: a Brazilian error note & 3 unusual coins; WILLIAM BURD: one of the 14 volume Benezit's *Dictionary of Artists*; ROBERT LEONARD: NY Numismatic Club 100th Anniversary memorabilia and globular Ayyubid Dirham (1225-38); RICHARD LIPMAN: potpourri of coins from bulk bag; ROBERT FEILER: B. Max Mehl check to CCC, split dollar bill and encased silver granules paid out for a silver certificate; NICK WEISS: U.S. \$1 and \$20 error notes; and WARREN SCHULTZ: 3 Mamluk gold coins.

President Rosinia presented Honorable Mention 2008 Cabeen Exhibit award medal to Robert Leonard who was unable to attend the December meeting.

Under Old Business, Mark Wieclaw announced the next meeting of the 90th Anniversary Committee as February 18, 2009 at Connie's 2372 S. Archer Ave., Chicago.

Under New Business, an announcement was made that a nomination form supporting Clifford Mishler for President of the American Numismatic Association was available for signatures. It was announced that member Joseph

Boling requested the Club's endorsement for ANA Governor. The decision was delayed until the March meeting.

Robert Leonard spoke on the giveaway project for the Chicago International Coin Fair. A motion was made and passed authorizing him to purchase a supply of trade beads and cowry shells for the next three issues. Steve Zitowsky announced that some members still had 2009 outstanding dues.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM. The next meeting is scheduled at 1 PM on Saturday, March 7 at the Chicago Paper Money Expo, Crowne Plaza O'Hare, 5440 N. River Road, Rosemont.

Sincerely Submitted,
Carl Wolf, Secretary

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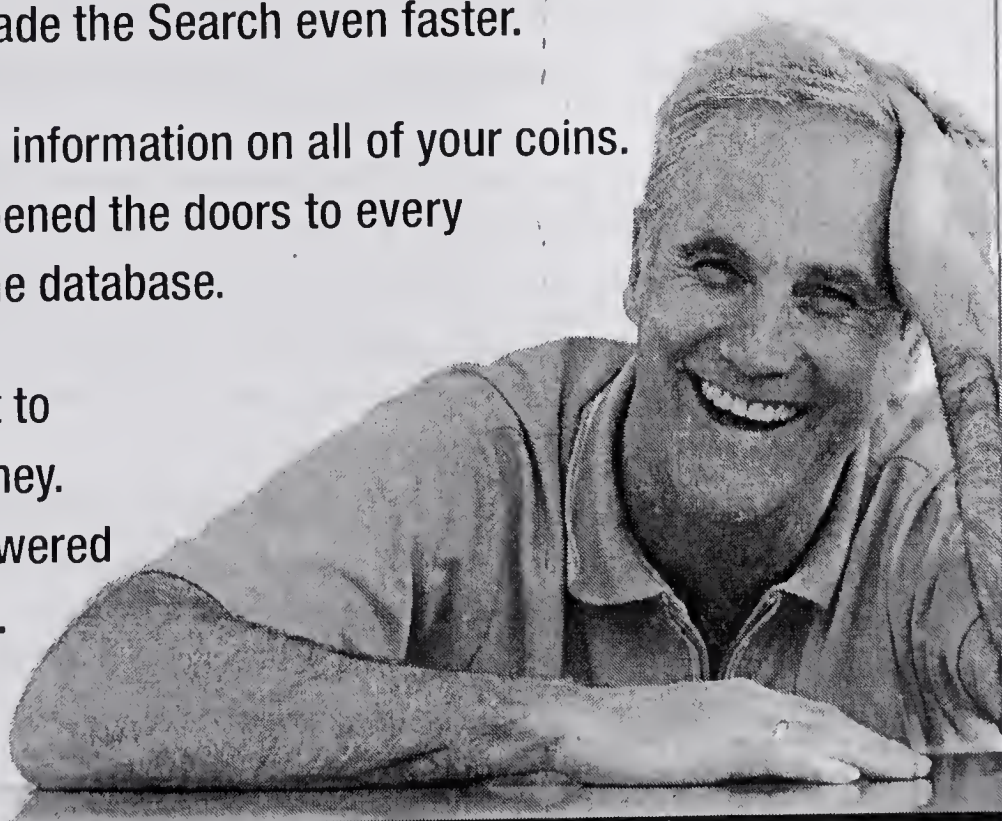


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Speaker's Wor[l]d

A Numismatic Mystery from Mandatory Palestine

by Warren Schultz,
presented to our February 11, 2009 meeting

During curatorial work in the spring of 1996 a wooden coin cabinet belonging to the Mandatory Collections of the Israel Antiquities Authority (IAA) was discovered in the vaults of the Rockefeller Museum in Jerusalem.

Thus begins an article by my friend and colleague, Robert Kool, one of three full-time numismatists at the IAA, and a specialist in the coinage of the Crusaders in the Holy Land. This cabinet, he went on to write, was full of many curiosities, including the subject of this particular article just cited (in INJ 14), the original cast sheets for the plates of the British Museum Palestine and Phoenicia volumes published in 1910/1914 by George Francis Hill.

How this cabinet ended up in the basement is unknown. There is evidence that it was in the coin room as late as the 1950s, when the museum was controlled by the Jordanian Department of Antiquities. It was moved to the basement prior to the 1967 war. There it sat until 1996. Over the course of 2003-4, it was moved to the Israel Museum, when the IAA department of Numismatics was relocated from the Rockefeller Museum. It is currently in the main work room of the IAA numismatic department.

But this cabinet also included many other things. Robert and his boss, the head of the Numismatic Office, Donald Ariel — who has spoken to this group — noted that several drawers contained several hundred miscellaneous coin casts. They could tell they were of Islamic coins, but they paid little attention to them as they were busy with many other projects. Robert poked around when he could, and eventually reached the conclusion that these were the remnants of a catalog project begun by the noted scholar L.A. Mayer during the Mandatory period.

Fast forward to October of 2007. I was in Jerusalem for six weeks working on a longstanding Mamluk numismatic project. About 10 days into my visit, Robert showed me this material, and we were off and running on a project of forensic numismatics. Here is what we have learned:

1. L.A. Mayer arrived in Palestine (Ph.D. from Vienna in 1917) and begins working for the Department of Antiquities of Palestine.
2. By 1925, he was publishing articles on Muslim Heraldry, using as part of his evidence Muslim coins, especially those of the Mamluk sultanate of Egypt and Syria (1250-1517).
3. By 1926, he was curating exhibits of Muslim Coins for the DAP.
4. In 1931, he published his first numismatic article.

5. By 1933 he had clearly set himself the task of publishing *Catalogue of the Mamluk Coins of the Palestine Archaeological Museum*.
6. Subsequent references to this project in works published in 1939 (1934) and 1938 (1936), but the project clearly changed to a broader Corpus of Mamluk Coins.
7. Our project kept growing: we went into the IAA archives in the nooks and crannies of the Rockefeller, where we learned that requests for casts were made all the way up to 1947.
8. We learned from letters and notes that a manuscript was prepared and typed.
9. Then at some point between November of 1947 and May of 1948, Mayer was no longer able to access the Museum. At this point, the manuscript disappears.
10. Post-1948, letters were sent inquiring about the manuscript, but nothing happened.
11. In 1967 when Israel captured east Jerusalem and the Museum, no manuscript was found.
12. In the meantime, the job of preparing a corpus of Mamluk coins was taken up by Paul Balog. His work was published in 1964. He knew of Mayer's attempt, but there is no evidence he saw the work.

So, Mayer and his assistants were well on their way toward publishing a CORPUS of Mamluk Coins when war got in the way. The manuscript is lost, but records and more importantly, several hundred casts survive.

What we are doing: Sorting and identifying the casts; organizing and attributing the coin types found there-in.

Why are doing this?

1. There is lost material preserved here:
 - Several German collections—some lost or destroyed in WWII;
 - Casts from a Jerusalem-area collection, later stolen;
2. There are casts of rare Mamluk gold coins, preserved in Damascus, which remain unpublished.
3. We are rediscovering the state of the field in the mid-twentieth century.
4. And finally, it is fun.

[Note: Warren Schultz also mentioned a project with which he is newly engaged in Jerusalem. The southeast slope of Mt. Zion had its first preliminary excavations in the 1970s. The slope contains stratigraphic levels from the second temple period through the Ottoman period. Excavating on the site has been resumed by a team led by Dr. Shimon Gibson and Dr. James Tabor. As part of this project, they are working on digitizing and identifying the several hundreds of coins found on the site. As such, they are looking to recruit individuals familiar with any of the many fields of numismatics involved, from ancient Jewish and Roman through the Byzantine and Islamic periods. Anyone interested in participating should contact Warren at wschultz@depaul.edu.]

Chicago Coin Club 90th Anniversary Committee

Minutes of Febuary 18, 2009

The sixth meeting of the Chicago Coin Club's 90th Anniversary Committee was held February 18, 2009 at Connie's Pizza, 2372 S. Archer Ave., Chicago. Chairman Mark Wieclaw called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM with ten committee members present: Kevin and Sharon Blocker, William Burd, Elliot Krieter, Gene Freeman, Robert Feiler, Steve Zitowsky, Jeff Rosinia, Marc Stackler and Carl Wolf.

Medal production costs were reviewed:

- Tooling: \$1635.00 (to be covered with donations)
- Oxidized Bronze: 100 @ \$17.00 each, 250 @ \$12.90 each
- .925 Sterling Silver: 25 @ \$250.00, 50 @ \$225.00, 100 @ \$215.00 (\$11.50/troy ounce)
- 10K Gold: 1-5 @ \$5050.00 each (\$877/troy ounce)
- Bronze Process Set: \$100/Set includes blank, 1, 2, 3 strikes, final trimmed piece
- Freight & Insurance: approximately \$260 to Chicago

Special Gift Packaging:

- Size: 3-3/4" x 5-1/4" x 7/8"
- Packaging: 100
- Unit Cost: \$1.25 each
- Lid Imprint Plate Charge: \$70.00
- Lid Imprint Running Charge: \$0.30 each
- Extra Cotton: \$0.25 each

Following this presentation which included the new costs of freight and gift boxes, the committee decided to change the cost of the bronze Lincoln Medal to \$25.00 pre-order, \$30.00 after; pre-order only for sterling silver \$295.00 (subject to market fluctuations) and gold (open to quote).

It was decided to set the closing date for pre-orders at April 10. Due to long production time for sterling silver, ask the mint to issue 25 (minimum) medals available at the April 25th meeting. The remaining sterling and gold pieces will be placed shortly after the closing date, but will not be available for distribution until May. Serial No. 001 in bronze will go into the Club's archive. Serial No. 001 of the sterling and gold will go to collectors via a drawing.

A 6 piece bronze process set will be offered for ~~\$125.00~~ \$150.00. The set includes a blank, 1 strike, 2 strikes, 3 strikes, trimmed piece and oxidized finished piece. (This motion arrived at the sell price based on the 5-piece process set stated

earlier. The committee wanted the set to include a finished oxidized piece but neglected to add in this extra cost. When this error was pointed out on Monday, February 23, 2009, an e-mail poll of the committee found a majority in favor of increasing the price of the 6 piece process set up to \$150.00.)

Sample gift boxes were circulated and the committee decided on the black pin stripe box with extra jewelers' cotton and silver matte imprint.

After a discussion of the Anniversary Booklet chaired by William Burd, it was decided not to seek advertising. Burd assured the committee the project cost could be covered with donations. Burd was asked to include the latest version of the Club's Constitution.

With the Anniversary date approaching and decisions requiring faster attention, Chairman Wieclaw made the following appointments. Eugene Freeman and Elliot Krieter are to work with Carl Wolf to approve and tweak details on the medal and gift box. Gene Freeman and Steve Zitowsky will work with Bill Burd on the booklet. Several committee members expressed availability to help proofread copy.

In an effort to blanket the numismatic community on our upcoming event, Robert Feiler, Publicity, asked every member to forward Club Press Releases to every collector they know.

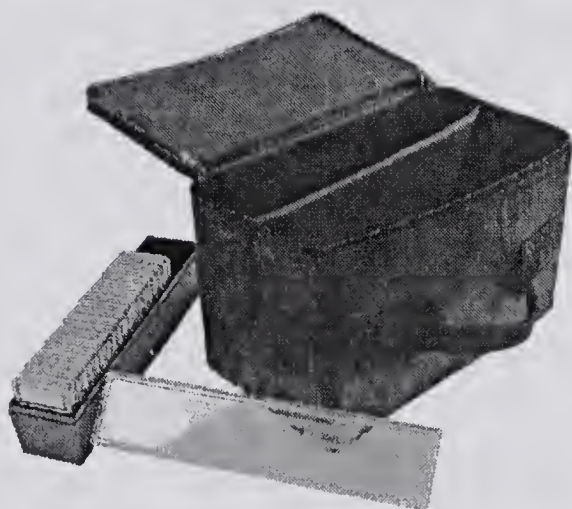
Mark Wieclaw announced it is his intention to issue an elongated coin in celebration of the 90th Anniversary event. He also asked every Club member to inform him of their private issue plans so duplicate designs and projects can be held to a minimum.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:24 PM and tentatively planned to reconvene at the same location March 18th.

Respectfully Submitted,
Carl F. Wolf, Secretary

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Show and Tell

Items shown at our February 11, 2009 meeting.

1. Complementing the featured speaker, **Don Dool** started with a *fals* given him by Bill Mills. Someone had cited a reference number for this Islamic coin, but the image Don found in a reference work looks nothing like this piece; the audience offered no suggestions on this rough piece. Then, on to pieces from Don's usual areas:
 - A set of four winery tokens purchased thinking they might be from the San Martin Winery. Unfortunately they are not, but are from a winery operated by Bernado Citon in the city of San Martin, Province of Mendoza.
 - San Martin medals are known in many flavors, but there is only one religious one. This one shows the Virgin of Carmen, the patron saint of the Army of the Andes.
 - The first Central American addition to Don's collection of 19th century Latin American city stock certificates is from Sonsonate, El Salvador and is dated May 20, 1897.
 - A copper double mite from Namur, piece dated 1499 is the latest addition to Don's collection of early dated copper coins. The hole in the coin was not punched — the thin flan was folded over.
2. **Mark Wieclaw** showed a range of pieces:
 - A medal for the Will County Coin Club's upcoming 50th anniversary.
 - A gold colored cardboard box in the shape of a gold ingot, holding a roll of 50 Jefferson dollars wrapped in heavy plastic. This is marketed as a ballistic roll.
 - Two sterling silver ash trays with a Peruvian one sol coin in the center.
 - A silver inaugural medal from the second Reagan/Bush term.
 - A large silver Nixon/Agnew medal; both of the medals came into the shop for melt.
 - A 1911 British proof two pound piece that came in as scrap gold, so it must be counterfeit, right?
 - A dime-sized Reagan piece in .999 silver.
3. **Sharon Blocker** showed some items from the FUN show:
 - A 10 reals error note from Brazil — the serial number is upside down.
 - A 2008 10 zloty silver coin from Poland, for the Olympics in China. The obverse shows the Olympic rings and a swimmer, while a Chinese dragon appears on the reverse. Some design elements are gold plated.
 - A 2008 10 zloty silver coin from Poland, honoring glass blowers.

The coin center is made of glass.

- A 2006 Australian 1 dollar coin with a glass capsule that holds two miniatures of older style dollar coins.

4. **Bill Burd** showed one volume of a 14-volume addition to his library, *Dictionary of Artists* by Benezit. First published in 1911 in three volumes, it reached eight volumes by 1958, and then 14 volumes in 1999. It was in French until translated to English in 2006.

5. **Robert Leonard** showed souvenirs from trips:

- He missed our December banquet meeting to attend the 100th Anniversary banquet of the New York Numismatic Club, which was held at Keen's Chop House, the place where they first met. A souvenir program listing all attendees did not list everyone, so a corrected one was issued. Each attendee received a medal of a past president of that club.
- A local offered Bob genuine old coins while in Petra, Jordan. Bob knew they were genuine — base silver Ayyubid dirhams from 1225-1238 AD, made from an odd production technique. The mint's production manual is in the Cairo Library, and Bob read excerpts from a translation, the only Islamic mint production manual from that era known today. Starting with, "Add to one part of silver," the list of ingredients was followed by such planchet preparation steps as "boil in vinegar," and "polish with salt." The tear-drop shaped coin weighs 2.01 grams.

6. **Richard Lipman** showed stranger finds from searching a kilo of world coins:

- Tokens.
- Transit tokens.
- World War II era coins.
An 1878 coin from the Netherlands.
- A 1911 Italian coin.
- Tongan and Guernsey pieces.
- A demonetized Cuban piece.

7. **Robert Feiler** showed some paper-related items:

A split one dollar silver certificate. These used to be somewhat common — soak the note, and then split it into a front and a back. Each of the two resulting thin pieces has one blank side and one side with either the original front and back design.

- A lucite holder holding 99.995% silver granules. When the Treasury had no more silver dollars to redeem silver certificates, the appropriate amount of these granules was used. This privately issued holder also contains a silver certificate folded to show only the silver-related wording.

- A signed check to the Chicago Coin Club from B. Max Mehl, dated December 10, 1929. The consensus is that it was for annual dues. Have you paid your dues for 2009?

8. **Nick Weiss** showed two examples of U.S. error notes:

- At a bowling alley, Nick got five singles for a five. One of them, of series 2003A, has the Federal Reserve seal to the right of Washington's portrait instead of to the left.
- A 1974 \$20 note obtained from an ATM, with the back side's left border showing some extra design. At one-sixteenth of an inch wide, it matches the right frame engraving from the front!

9. **Warren Schultz** showed three Mamluk gold coins:

- A large "ingot" style, weighing 8+ grams, from the first 150 years of the sultanate.
- A transitional coins weighing slightly less than 4 grams, from the period around 1410.
- An example of the Ashrafi-type gold dinar, which was the basic gold coin of the Mamluk sultanate from 1426 until 1517. It was sometimes called a sequin, weighs about 3.3 grams, and is similar in shape to the Venetian ducat.

Birthday and Year Joined

April 6	Wendell Wolka	2006
April 8	Jason Freeman	2006
April 12	Mark Wieclaw	1991
April 15	Robert D. Leonard, Jr.	1983
April 18	Leonard Augsburg	1983
April 24	Richard Hall	2006
April 27	Don Valenziano	1982
April 29	Robert Kulys	2006

Our 1083rd Meeting

Date: March 7, 2008, **First session**

Time: 1:00 PM

Location: At the Chicago Paper Money Expo (CPMX), which is held at the Crown Plaza Chicago O'Hare, 5440 North River Road, Rosemont, IL. No admission charge for our meeting.

Featured speaker: Tom Casper and Fred Schwan - *U.S. Government Bonds*

Tom Casper will have a special exhibit at the show about U.S. Government Securities. Following this presentation by Tom and Fred Schwan, Tom will lead a sort of guided tour of the exhibit.

Date: March 11, 2009, **Second session**

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Downtown Chicago

At the Chicago Bar Association, 321 S. Plymouth Court, 3rd floor meeting room. *Please remember the security measures at our meeting building: everyone must show their photo-ID and register at the guard's desk.* A few blocks west of the CBA building is the Ceres Restaurant (enter the Board of Trade building from Jackson at LaSalle, then enter the restaurant from the lobby) with standard sandwiches, burgers, and salads for members who want to meet for dinner.

Featured speaker: Robert D. Leonard Jr. - *The Currency of Syria in the Seventh Century A.D.*

The bloody seventh century saw the assassination or execution of three emperors, two Persian kings, and three caliphs. In 601, the currency of Syria (including the modern countries of Syria, Lebanon, Israel, Palestine Authority, Jordan, and the Hatay region of Turkey) consisted of coins portraying the Byzantine emperor and featuring Christian crosses as part of their design. By 700, they had been replaced by coins bearing only inscriptions giving the declaration of faith of a religion that did not even exist in 601. During this period, Syria was swept by three wars, and its change in status — incorporation into Dar al-Islam — still affects us in 2009.

Bob will show historical maps, coin catalogs, and coins of the Byzantines, Sasanians, Sasanian-occupied Syria, crude copies of Byzantine coins issued under Arab occupation ("Pseudo-Byzantine"), Arab-Byzantine coins with Greek and/or Arabic inscriptions, coins showing the caliph, and finally reformed coins issued beginning in 697 with religious inscriptions only. Some of these issues have only recently been studied and are not fully described in the standard English texts. A handout giving a chronology of the seventh century, with numismatic bibliography, will be distributed.

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Minutes of the 1083rd Meeting

Session I of the 1083rd meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was held in conjunction with the Chicago Paper Money Expo, Crowne Plaza Chicago O'Hare, 5440 N. River Road, Rosemont, IL. Due to the high number of attendees still registering, President Jeffrey Rosinia called the meeting to order several minutes after 1 PM with 31 members and 28 guests in attendance.

Following a motion to hold an abbreviated agenda, Second V.P. Elliott Krieter introduced featured speakers Thomas Casper and Fred Schwan who spoke on *U.S. Government Bonds*. At the end of his presentation, Schwan announced the creation of a \$5 Chicago Coin Club Scholarship Bond with redemption value at the Military-Payment-Certificate-Fest. Following a question-and-answer period, Krieter presented both speakers with an engraved Club medal and ANA Educational Certificate.

Six applications for membership received first reading: Katherine Lawrence (Cedar Hill, TX), Joe Falater (Allen, MI), Robert Van Ryzin (Iola, WI), Chris Patton (Buchanan, MI), Brian Giese (Sturtevant, WI) and Dat Nguyen (Chicago).

Announcements included the Club hosting the 2011 ANA Chicago Convention, the Club's upcoming 90th Anniversary Banquet during the April Chicago International Coin Fair, and a high-relief medal issue in bronze, silver and gold of Augustus Saint-Gaudens' *Standing Lincoln* statue. A six piece bronze process set will also be issued and attendees were invited to stop by the Club's table to see the process set issued for the Club's 80th Anniversary.

President Rosinia received compliments for his work over the past seven years creating a souvenir sheet on different Chicago banks for distribution at the Club's CPMX meeting. Rosinia spoke briefly on the 2009 issue showing a 1918 Series \$5 Federal Reserve Bank Note from Chicago's Federal Reserve Bank. Prior to distribution to everyone in attendance, Rosinia received issue no. 2, for his authorship, and the speakers received nos. 3 and 4.

After 2 PM, President Rosinia called the meeting in recess and announced re-adjournment at 7 PM, Wednesday, March 11, 2009 at the Club's regular meeting location, Chicago Bar Association Building, 321 S. Plymouth Court,

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Session II of the 1083rd meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was held March 11, 2009 in the Chicago Bar Association Building, 321 S. Plymouth Court, Downtown Chicago. President Jeffrey Rosinia called the meeting to order at 7 PM with 19 members and 1 guest, Dat Nguyen, in attendance.

The February Minutes printed in the *Chatter* were approved as published. Treasurer Steve Zitowsky reported February receipts \$1,329.56, expenses \$2,147.98 and total income -\$818.42, leaving total assets of \$12,637.29 which is in Life Memberships \$2,390.00 and Members' Equity \$10,247.29.

The featured speaker for evening, Robert D. Leonard Jr. delivered a program on *Currency of Syria in the Seventh Century A.D.*. Following several questions, 2nd V.P. Elliott Krieter presented Leonard with an engraved speaker's medal and an ANA Educational Certificate.

Second V.P. Elliott Krieter introduced the evening's ten exhibitors. MARK WIECLAW: a modern replica of a gold Byzantine coin in a bezel, a silver Macedonian obol of Philip III (323-317 B.C.) and 4 elongated coins from Will County Coin Club's 50th Anniversary; EUGENE FREEMAN: a book on Columbian coinage, a book on Colonial & Early American coins, a Guatemalan peso, an 1901/1801 Honduran 25-centavos, an 1895/4/3 Honduran peso and a Mexican 1824 hacienda token; DAVID G. GUMM: a 1928 series small size \$100 gold certificate; ROBERT WEINSTEIN: 5 elongated Canadian cents; STEVE AMBOS: 10 trillion dollar note from Zimbabwe; SHARON BLOCKER: colorful notes from South Africa, Spain, Singapore and French Indochina; ROBERT FEILER: 4 Buffalo Nickels engraved into Hobo Nickels; WILLIAM BURD: an original and reprint of *Numismata Typographica* by William Blades; JEFF ROSINIA: coins of Ireland and a metal dashboard plaque from Triumph auto; ANDY PLIOPLYS: two 18th century mortgages printed on sheepskin.

Under Old Business, it was announced that six membership applications received first reading at the recent Chicago Paper Money Expo; Archivist William Burd was given serial no. 1 CCC/CPMX souvenir card on \$5 Federal Reserve Bank Note of Chicago and the specimen \$5 Chicago Coin Club Scholarship Bond created by Fred Schwan with redemption value at the Military-Payment-Certificate-Fest: many CPMX collectors were favorably impressed with the epoxy proof of the 90th Anniversary Lincoln medal and orders were received; and Mark Wieclaw announced the next meeting of the 90th Anniversary Committee as March 18, 2009 at Connie's 2372 S. Archer Ave., Chicago.

Under New Business, a motion was passed to endorse the nominations for ANA Governor of Club members Joseph Boling, Wendell Wolka and David

Greenstein. Speaker suggestions for the upcoming CICF meeting were discussed and Robert Leonard spoke of the CCC/CICF Primitive Money Souvenir Card which will deal with trade beads.

Dr. Audrius Plioplys announced a favorable response to his art show and invited members to attend. The show lasts through May 15 at the Kemper Gallery (in the library), Illinois Institute of Technology, 35 W. 33rd St. Chicago, 60616.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:02 PM with the next meeting scheduled for 7 PM on April 8 at the same location.

Respectfully Submitted,
Carl Wolf, Secretary

Show and Tell

Items shown at our March 11, 2009 meeting.

1. **Mark Wieclaw** showed a range of recent acquisitions:

- An imitation Byzantine gold coin, mounted in a bezel. This light weight thing looks nothing like a Byzantine coin, even at arm's length.
- A silver Macedonian obol of Philip III, 323-317 BC. The well known *Hercules head in a lion's skin* design appears on the obverse of this very small piece — a modern Lincoln cent looks huge next to this.
- Some elongated coins from the Will County Coin Club for its recent 50th anniversary. Ray Dillard created the die from a design sketch provided by the club, and provided a number of rolled 2009 Lincoln cents. Mark showed one of those, then some pieces produced locally: a 1959 Franklin Half, a gold Mexican (restrike) 1959 20 peso, and a four-coin set consisting of US cent, nickel, dime, and quarter.

2. **Eugene Freeman** showed recently acquired items:

- The third edition of *Monedas de Colombia 1619-2008*. Counterstamps and overdates are covered in this work.
- The new *Whitman's Encyclopedia of Colonial and Early American Coins* by Bowers.
- A Guatemala 1923 provisional 1 peso. The design seemed vaguely familiar, so Eugene compared both sides against an early US Lincoln Cent.
- A 1901 Honduras 25 cent piece with the 9 of the date punched over an 8. The fineness digits also are repunched.
- An 1895 Honduras peso that Krasue lists as 5/4/3, and we can see a part of the 4 here and a bit of the 3 there. There is also something

going on with the 9.

- From Mexico, an 1824 Aguascaliente hacienda token.
3. **David Gumm** showed a very nice \$100 gold certificate, series 1928, that he recently acquired from an accumulation in his hometown.
 4. **Bob Weinstein** showed more of the elongated coins he recently acquired on eBay. These are on Canadian Large Cents, with the high pressure of the rolling resulting in nice, deep designs that obliterate much of the original design. They were:
 - A September 1909 Toronto Canadian International Expo.
 - A September 1909 Montreal Home Sweet Home that is very similar to the above Toronto piece.
 - King George V coronation on June 22, 1911.
 - A New Brunswick Week, July 8-14, 1912, lucky cent.
 - A design of the Niagra Falls bridge that is usually found on US coins. The design includes the dates 1907 and 1908.
 5. **Steve Ambos** showed a recent 10 trillion dollars note from the Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe. This piece is from **after** they revalued by dropping the last 12 zeroes.
 6. **Sharon Blocker** showed items acquired during the January FUN show.
 - A 20 dollar Singapore note featuring an airport scene on one side and a bird on the other.
 - A 200 rand South Africa note featuring a leopard.
 - A 5 piastres from French Indochina featuring some local structures.
 - A 1928 500 pesetas from Spain. With our projector system, we spent some time viewing the detailed engraved scene on the back, but it was not familiar to us.
 7. **Bob Feiler** showed four modern “hobo” nickels, but at least they are on real buffalo nickels.
 8. **Bill Burd** showed an original and reprint of *Numismata Typographica* by William Blades who collected medals pertaining to printing. Published in 1883, the 144 pages contain 259 medal descriptions and 24 plates. The original is from an estimated printing of 25, and the 300 reprints in 1991 by Bird and Bull were from this original.
 9. **Jeff Rosinia** started with a fun exhibit — the dash plaque from a 1970s Triumph Spitfire, a picture of the car (red), and advertising material. The real exhibit was a holder with the last complete decimal coinage set from Ireland.
 10. Ever the collector of financial instruments, **Andy Pliopolys** had asked around about acquiring examples of derivatives and Credit-Default Swaps (CDSs). The general consensus is that there is no standardized print documentation, only electronic records. He has spotted some blank forms on the web, so his search continues. Andy then showed two large mortgage documents from England. A November 3, 1778 assignment of mortgage was followed by a December 5, 1754 example. Each, measuring about 2 by 3 feet, has wax seals and the remnants of a tax stamp.

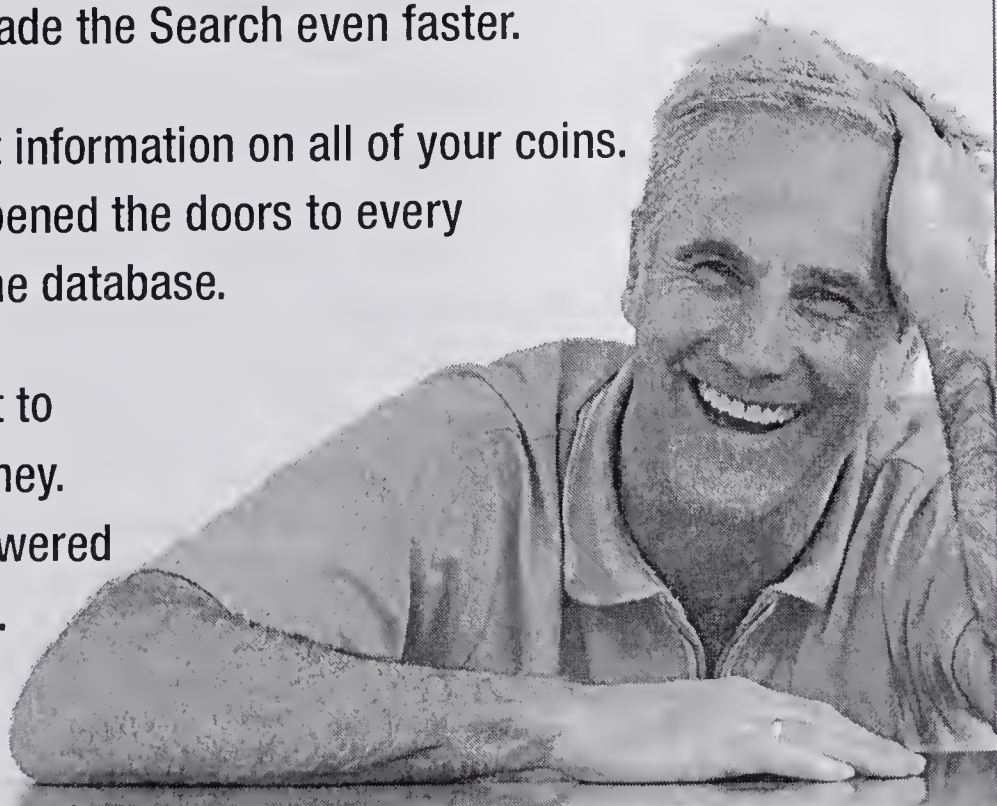


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Chicago Coin Club 90th Anniversary Committee

Minutes of March 18, 2009

The seventh meeting of the Chicago Coin Club's 90th Anniversary Committee was held March 18, 2009 at Connie's Pizza, 2372 S. Archer Ave., Chicago. Chairman Mark Wieclaw called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM with ten members present: Kevin and Sharon Blocker, William Burd, Elliot Krieter, Gene Freeman, Robert Feiler, Steve Zitowsky, Jeff Rosinia, Marc Stackler and Carl Wolf.

Sharon Blocker passed for review a near final layout of the banquet program. Steve Zitowsky reported 27 paid reservations to date. Chairman Wieclaw held a recent telephone conversation with the speaker David Hendin who intends to bring 3 total guests. The official title to Hendin's talk is *Economics, History & Money in Judea & Early Christianity*.

Zitowsky reported overall medal order count of 46 bronze, 12 process sets and 9 silver. When asked about interest outside the Club, he reported 10 bronze, 1 process set and 1 silver came from non-members. By consensus it was decided to order an additional four bronze medals for: CCC Archives (No. 001), David Hendin, Banquet Speaker, ANA Museum and ANS Museum. Mark Wieclaw announced he is ordering and paying for eleven lead strikes for presentation to committee members for their work. Carl Wolf announced imprinted boxes for the medals were finished and in transit.

After a final review of bronze medals costs (100 @ \$17.00 each & 250 @ \$12.90 each), Eugene Freeman presented an argument for ordering 250 medals. He spelled out the unit cost savings, plus his belief that the popularity of Lincoln collecting will increase through 2009. Chairman Wieclaw called on every member to give their opinion on this matter. After more discussion it was decided to proceed as follows:

"Carl Wolf was instructed to place an initial order immediately for 100 bronze, 12 bronze process sets, 25 silver and 2 10 kt. gold medals for delivery before the April 25th meeting. Monitor additional orders arriving through April 10th and place a supplemental order to bring the total number of bronze medals up to 100 (minimum) or number preordered + 25%, whichever is largest. The order should also accommodate additional orders for the bronze process sets, silver (25 minimum) and gold medals."

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Carl F. Wolf, Secretary

Our 1084th Meeting

- Date: April 8, 2009, **First session**
Time: 7:00 PM
Location: Downtown Chicago
At the Chicago Bar Association, 321 S. Plymouth Court, 3rd floor meeting room. *Please remember the security measures at our meeting building: everyone must show their photo-ID and register at the guard's desk.* A few blocks west of the CBA building is the Ceres Restaurant (enter the Board of Trade building from Jackson at LaSalle, then enter the restaurant from the lobby) with standard sandwiches, burgers, and salads for members who want to meet for dinner.
- Featured speaker: - *to be announced*
- Date: April 25, 2009, **Second session**
Time: 1:00 PM
Location: At the Chicago International Coin Fair (CICF), which is held at the Crown Plaza Chicago O'Hare, 5440 North River Road, Rosemont, IL. No admission charge for our meeting.
- Featured speaker: Elizabeth Hahn, Librarian of the American Numismatic Society - *Homer's Thrinakia: The ANS Library, Sicilian History and Early Numismatic Literature*
- This talk will use Homer's mention of the island "thrinakia," identified as the island of Sicily, as a starting point to discuss the attraction of Sicily and in particular the numerous ancient sites that are preserved throughout the island. Like the three promontories of Sicily, this talk will have three points that discuss the ANS Library collections, Sicilian history, and early numismatic literature. Examples of early Sicilian numismatic literature will be drawn from the ANS Library in an effort to emphasize the rich and varied nature of the collections.
- Date: April 25, 2009, **Third session**, CCC 90th Anniversary Dinner Meeting
Time: 6:00 PM Cash bar and reception; 7:00 PM dinner.
Location: Giannotti Italian Restaurant, 4926 N. River Road, Schiller Park (about 5 blocks south of the site of CICF).
- Reservations: Required, \$38 per person. Meal is family style — chicken, beef, and mostaccioli, plus salad and dessert.
- Featured speaker: David Hendin - *Economics, History & Money in Judea & Early Christianity*

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Orders Received After April 10: NOT AVAILABLE

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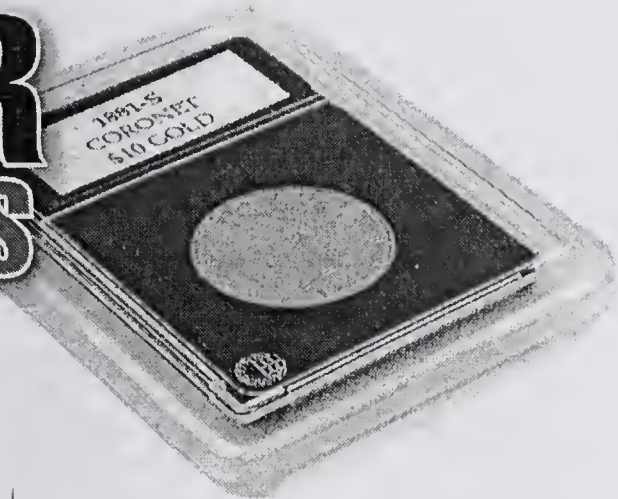
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Important Dates

- April 8** CCC Meeting - Featured Speaker - *to be announced*
- April 24-26** 34th Annual Chicago International Coin Fair (CICF) at the Crown Plaza Chicago O'Hare, 5440 North River Road, Rosemont, IL. Admission is \$5 for Friday and Saturday; free on Sunday.
- April 25** Ancient Coin Club of Chicago Meeting - 11am at the Chicago International Coin Fair (CICF), which is held at the Crown Plaza Chicago O'Hare, 5440 North River Road, Rosemont, IL. No admission charge for the meeting.
Featured Speaker - David Hendin on *Ancient Judaen coins: New Discoveries from Yehuds to Judaea Capta*
- April 25** CCC Meeting - 1pm at the Chicago International Coin Fair (CICF), which is held at the Crown Plaza Chicago O'Hare, 5440 North River Road, Rosemont, IL. No admission charge for our meeting.
Featured Speaker - Elizabeth Hahn, (ANS Librarian) on *Homer's Thrinakia: The ANS Library, Sicilian History and Early Numismatic Literature*
- April 25** International Primitive Money Society Meeting - 4pm at the Chicago International Coin Fair (CICF), which is held at the Crown Plaza Chicago O'Hare, 5440 North River Road, Rosemont, IL. No admission charge for the meeting.
Featured Speaker - Chuck Jacobs on *Hammered Dump Coinage of the Japanese Feudal Period, 1576-1870*
- April 25** CCC 90th Anniversary Dinner Meeting - 6pm at Giannotti Italian Restaurant, 4926 N. River Road, Schiller Park. Reservations required, \$38 per person.
Featured Speaker - David Hendin on *Economics, History & Money in Judea & Early Christianity*
- May 13** CCC Meeting - Featured Speaker - Steve Feller on *to be announced*
- June 10** CCC Meeting - Featured Speaker - *to be announced*
- June 26-28** 28th Annual MidAmerica Coin Expo at the Renaissance Hotel and Convention Center, 1551 Thoreau Drive, Schaumburg, IL 60173. Admission is \$5 for Friday and Saturday; free on Sunday.
- June 27** CCC Meeting - (meeting time in the next issue) at the MidAmerica Coin Expo, which is held at the Renaissance Hotel and Convention Center, 1551 Thoreau Drive, Schaumburg, IL. No admission charge for our meeting.
Featured Speaker - *to be announced*

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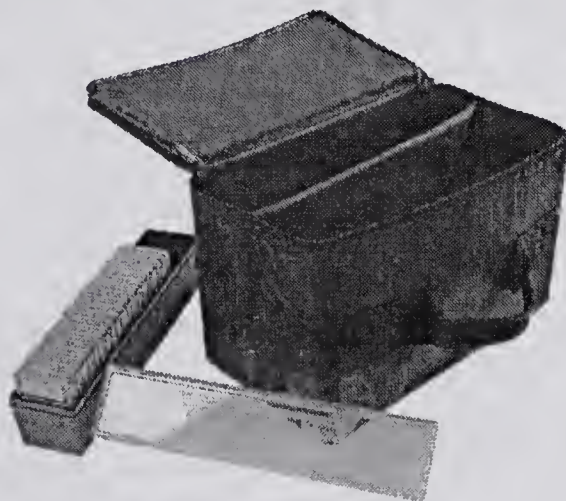
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Speaker's Wor[l]d

U.S. Government Bonds

presented by Tom Casper and Fred Schwan
to our March 7, 2009 meeting

Tom Casper started by quickly mentioning the standard references: Gene Hessler's *An Illustrated History of US Loans* from 1988, Schwan and Boling's *World War II Remembered* from 1995, and Lawrence Schuffman's *Liberty Loan Bonds in 1917-1923* article in the SPMC's journal *Paper Money*. That led to an overview of WW I Liberty Bonds.

Although part of financial history, Liberty Bonds did not circulate. These instruments were printed in intaglio from finely engraved plates. When redeemed at maturity, they were turned into Treasury and destroyed; the ones now available to collectors were found in estates, and were purchased by someone willing to pay more than Treasury would pay.

The bonds were bought at a discount to their face value, with the holder receiving the face value at maturity. The first series paid an effective interest rate of 3½%, with later series having rates of 4% and 4¼% — notes from an earlier series could be converted into a higher series. To encourage their purchase by school children and others who did not have the \$4.12 needed to buy a \$5 bond, thrift stamps were sold. The 25 cent stamps were bought one at a time; sixteen of them would be placed into a booklet, and a filled-in booklet along with 12 cents would get a \$5 bond.

Two million people sold bonds and stamps, selling \$21 billion in bonds. Rallies were held, and Tom showed some photos and posters; he even has a card from the LaSalle Hotel in Chicago used to inform guests that a bond salesman was at a desk in the lobby. Most known examples of the actual bonds are from the fourth bond drive.

Next up was Fred Schwan to cover the US Defense, War, and Savings Bonds from 1935 to the present. But first, Fred made the comment that it is mostly "orphan" bonds are available to collectors. These were registered bonds — they could be cashed only by the person listed on the bond. After a bond was either lost or stolen, the registered owner could be issued a replacement bond — such a bond usually has a marking indicating its status, but the original bond, of course, has no such indication.

For the first years, a new series was issued each year starting with series A in 1935. Each bond was a little wider than a dollar bill, and taller than three of the dollar bills. They were issued in multiple values, starting from as low as \$25.

of Byzantine regnal years even though the Byzantines did not control the area at the time.

The large-scale Arab attack on Syria began in 633 under the first *caliph*, which is the Arab word for successor (to Muhammad). To repulse them, the Byzantine emperor Heraclius moved his headquarters from Constantinople to Antioch. A series of military countermarks were used for three years. Bob showed two 20 nummi pieces from the Constantinople mint, struck on small planchets. The one struck over a cut-down Byzantine coin has the “K” well centered on the reverse; Heraclius holding a spear is well centered on the obverse, but his head is off the small planchet. The other coin has two monograms of Heraclius as countermarks. The amazing 2006 study by Schultze, Schultze, and Leimenstoll, of 173 countermarked 20 nummi pieces, identified 18 varieties of one mark and 5 varieties of a second mark; of their 173 pieces, 28 had two countermarks.

Next shown were some 40 nummi from after 641, when their size was reduced to only ¼ of their original size. Such Byzantine coins continued to be imported into Arab-ruled Syria until around 658. Coins were still needed in Syria, so local imitations were produced; over time, ever stranger looking pieces passed. Bob showed examples of coins struck on different shapes: a third of an original coin, a quarter of an original coin, and even on a squarish piece. The pieces bore design elements reminiscent of the familiar Byzantine coins. Production of these pieces ceased around 675-680 as the first Arabic coinage appeared in the south, and the northern mints made full-sized coins on new and generally round planchets; some mints also produced coins smaller in size. The northern pieces generally have no obverse inscriptions, but Bob showed reverse inscriptions in Greek and Arabic. On the Umayyad Imperial Image coinage, the figure of the Byzantine Emperor was replaced by one of the Caliph. The final change was to the use of only the Muslim declaration of faith and verses from the Qur’an on the coins.

Birthday and Year Joined

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May 8	Sharon Blocker	2000
May 11	William A. Burd	1993
May 11	Jeffrey Rosinia	1995
May 15	Jay M. Galst	1991
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May 23	Robert J. Weinstein	1991
May 25	Simon Harries	2008

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Minutes of the 1084th Meeting

Session I of the 1084th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was held April 8, 2009 in the Chicago Bar Association Building, 321 S. Plymouth Court, Downtown Chicago. President Jeffrey Rosinia called the meeting to order at 7 PM with 25 members in attendance and 4 guests, Jerry Nelson, Paul Paluch, Lionel Terzi and Zoujun Dai.

The March Minutes printed in the *Chatter* were approved as published. Treasurer Steve Zitowsky reported February receipts \$10,127.00, expenses \$787.33 and total income \$9,339.77, leaving total assets of \$21,977.06 which is in Life Memberships \$2,390.00 and Members' Equity \$19,587.06. The Treasurer reported the big increase due to 90th Anniversary medal orders.

Six applications for membership received second reading and all were elected into membership. They were Katherine Lawrence (Texas), Joe Falater (Michigan), Robert Van Ryzin (Wisconsin), Chris Patton (Michigan), Brian Giese (Wisconsin), and Dat Nguyen (Chicago).

First V.P. Lyle Daly introduced the featured speaker, Jerry Nelson from Chicago's Federal Reserve Bank. Following several questions, V.P. Daly presented Nelson with an engraved speaker's medal and an ANA Educational Certificate.

First V.P. Lyle Daly introduced the evening's 14 exhibitors. ERIC SCHMIDT – 2 Walking Liberty half dollars found in rolls, \$2 stutter note found in circulation and 4 medieval coins. KURT HYDE - a U.S. \$5 gold coin compared to three German notes issued 1918-1923. ANDY PLIOPLYS – financial statements from Bernard L. Madoff. DAVID GUMM – 1842 U.S. large cent N1 R3 AU50. EUGENE FREEMAN – 2009 2£ from British Indian Ocean Territory, a “chickless” 1942 1d from Ireland, 1947 1 kori from India Kutch and 2 ancient coins. MIKE GASVODA – 12 B.C. denarius showing Augustus obv. and Agrippa rev. CARL WOLF – 2 framed chattel mortgages from Indian Territory. WILLIAM BURD – book *Pledges of History, a Brief Account of the Collection of Coins Belonging to the Mint of the United States*, by William E. DuBois, 1846 with only 140 copies. STEVE ZITOWSKY – 3 coins from Saarland (German) and 2 coins from Griquatown (South Africa). ROBERT WEINSTEIN – 5 coins from Indo-Greek Kingdoms. MARC STACKLER – 4 Revolutionary notes with

re-validation stamps. SHARON BLOCKER – 6 10-peso pattern coins from Cuba, and District of Columbia quarter. MARK WIECLAW – The Elongated Collectors 2008 ANA Convention badge, Connie's Pizza "dough" worth \$2 and three ancient coins. ROBERT LEONARD – 6 precious metal coins with test marks.

Under Old Business, the final lead proof of the 90th Anniversary medal showing "Standing Lincoln" was exhibited. The membership unanimously decided to drop the clouds. Carl Wolf reported the mint is on schedule to have medals available for the April 25th CICF meeting and evening banquet. Robert Leonard announced that the ANA Board of Governors officially appointed him General Chairman of the 2011 Chicago Convention. He also reported Brenda Bishop, ANA Convention Coordinator, will attend the Club's May 13th meeting. She asked for time to explain the different roles members can play with the convention.

Under New Business, it was announced that Central States Numismatic Society will hold their 2011 annual convention in Rosemont and their 2012-2016 in Schaumburg as published in the spring issue of *The Centinel*.

At 9:30 PM a recess was called with re-adjournment to be called at 1 PM Saturday, April 25th when the Club holds a meeting in conjunction with the Chicago International Coin Fair at the Crown Plaza O'Hare, Rosemont, IL.

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Session II of the 1084th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was held April 25, 2009 in conjunction with the Chicago International Coin Fair, Crowne Plaza O'Hare, Rosemont, IL. President Jeffrey Rosinia called the meeting to order at 1 PM with 34 members and 16 guests in attendance.

A motion was made to hold an abbreviated version of regular meeting. Club Past President and ANS Fellow Robert D. Leonard, Jr. introduced the speaker, Elizabeth Hahn, ANS Librarian, who delivered a program on *ANS Library, Sicilian History and Early Numismatic Literature*. Following a question and answer period, Mr. Leonard presented her with an ANA Educational Certificate and an engraved Club speaker's medal.

The five membership applications receiving a first reading were Kevin Dailey (Chicago), Daniel Pelc (Iowa), Marc Charles Ricard (Chicago), David Bynum (Chicago) and Zoujun Dai (Chicago).

President Rosinia announced the Club is commemorating their 90th Anniversary. He encouraged members and guests to visit the Club's table at the show and see the high-relief medals issued in bronze & sterling silver honoring the event and Abraham Lincoln. He also announced reservations are required for the evening's banquet at the Giannotti Italian Restaurant, Schiller Park.

It was announced that 2009 is the 23rd year the Club issued a unique souvenir educational card for distribution at the CICF. The author of most issues, Robert

D. Leonard, spoke briefly on the current issue *Cornaline d'Aleppo Trade Beads*. Serial no. 1 given to William Burd for the Club's archives, serial no. 2 was presented to Elizabeth Hahn and no. 3 was presented to the author, Robert D. Leonard.

At 1:50 PM recess was called with re-adjournment to take place at 7:00 PM that evening at Giannotti's Restaurant.

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Session III of the 1084th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was a banquet held April 25, 2009 at Giannotti Italian Restaurant, 4926 N. River Road, Schiller Park, a short distance from the Chicago International Coin Fair, Crowne Plaza O'Hare, Rosemont, IL. President Jeffrey Rosinia called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM with 56 members and guests in attendance.

Following an invocation by Richard Hamilton, the 56 members and guests enjoyed hors d'oeuvres, a salad, a family style dinner and dessert.

The membership applications submitted from Dale Lukanich (Chicago) and Jeffrey A. Amelse (Chicago) received first reading. President Rosinia asked all past Club officers to stand, spoke briefly about how many members work for the benefit of the Chicago Coin Club and called for a round of applause.

President Rosinia then turned the meeting over to the Chairman of the 90th Anniversary Committee, Mark Wieclaw. He introduced the members of the Anniversary Committee and cited each for a particular responsibility they assumed: Kevin & Sharon Blocker — invitations & banquet; William Burd (with the help of Katie DeCosta) — program; Robert Feiler — souvenirs and promotions; Eugene Freeman — medal; Jeffrey Rosinia — proof reading; Elliot Krieter — medal; Marc Stackler — proof reading; Carl Wolf — medal; Steve Zitowsky — treasurer & bookkeeper.

Mark Wieclaw introduced the featured speaker, David Hendin, who delivered a well-received program *Economics, History and Money in Judea and Early Christianity*. Following several questions, Mark presented him with a CCC 90th Anniversary Medal in bronze, an engraved Club speaker's medal and an ANA Educational Certificate.

Robert D. Leonard presented a bronze CCC 90th Anniversary Medal to the American Numismatic Society, NY and gave it to Elizabeth Hahn, ANS Librarian, to take back to their offices.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Carl Wolf, Secretary

Speaker's Wor[l]d

What's New at the Federal Reserve Bank

presented by Jerry Nelson
to our April 8, 2009 meeting

Jerry Nelson has worked at the Chicago Federal reserve Bank for almost 13 years, currently as one of three public affairs specialists. You might meet him if you visit the Money Museum at the Chicago Fed. The museum hosted about 30,000 visitors in 2008; it is open on business days, from 9am until 4pm, but show up by 3 as it might take an hour to see everything. Every visitor gets a small bag of shredded currency; don't worry that they will run out, as they shred old money on the premises.

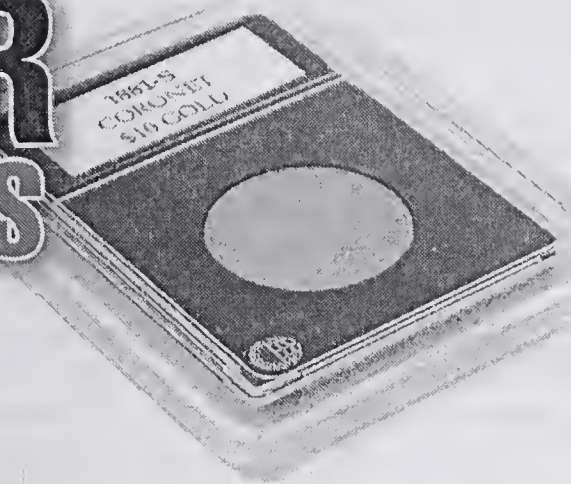
The Federal Reserve buys the paper currency from the Bureau of Engraving and Printing (BEP) at a great price — for the cost of production, which averages 7 cents per bill! The \$1 and \$2 notes cost only 6 cents apiece because they have no anti-counterfeiting measures. The new higher denominations that use shades of color cost 8.2 cents apiece, and the next series of \$100s, to be issued later this year, will cost 9 cents each. The small notes are the least counterfeited; only one counterfeit \$2 note was found in circulation since 1862, and only one counterfeiter of the \$1 notes was ever found. Which made for a great story.

That counterfeiter was found 9 years ago in a small town in southern Illinois. After her husband died in a coal mining accident, she found two very good counterfeit intaglio plates for the \$1 notes in his effects. She obtained cotton bond paper, mixed her own ink, printed them by hand, and cut them with a paper cutter. She spent them in town, only at the pharmacy and grocery. People do not examine the singles — she got away with it for **fifty** years, until caught by the Secret Service when she was 85. The trail started at the St. Louis Fed; the plates were confiscated, she paid a \$10,000 fine, and she served less than 3 years of her 10-year sentence. The eight Chicago Fed money machines process 16,000,000 used notes each day, and one of her notes turns up every week.

Nationwide, there are 133 high speed machines that can process 44 notes per second each, catching the counterfeits and destroying the worn currency. By examining the bundle strap, the appropriate bank can be debited. The Chicago Fed found about 32 counterfeits per day in 2008, down from 100 in 2006 and 40 in 2007 due to the new currency design. The Secret Service collects the counterfeits weekly, but about three good notes are sent each year; those get kicked back to the Chicago Fed that then has to credit the bank it had debited. The Chicago Fed keeps digital images of all found counterfeits. The \$20 is the most counterfeited denomination domestically, while the \$100 is the most counterfeited in the rest of the world.

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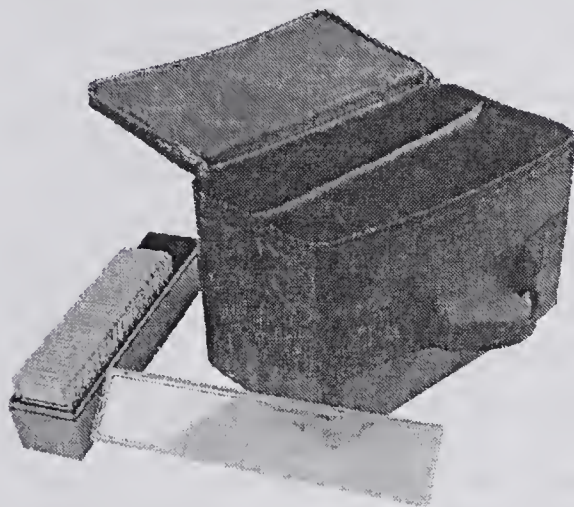
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The machines grade the used currency on a scale of 1 to 16 (perfect); anything less than a 13 is destroyed, totalling \$23,000,000 per day system wide. Half of the \$1s are shredded, 20% of the \$20s, and 10% of the \$5s. The BEP has been lengthening the estimated lifetime of the \$1s even though the composition is unchanged since 1861; from about 18 months seven years ago, to 20 months five years ago, to 22 months last year. Almost half of the notes printed by the BEP are \$1s. Replacing them with dollar coins is hard; Jerry gave a quick summary of the Anthony and Sacajawea dollar coins, ending with how the Treasury, in 2003, sent personnel to Chicago to stand on the Elevated Train platforms during rush hour to give them to commuters — the commuters would not take them. The government could not give money away! Last September, the government of Ecuador bought 2.4 million of them, leaving only 96 million still in the vaults. So what is the solution? The Presidential dollar coins that cost 20 cents apiece. The mint wanted to send \$300 million of them quarterly to the Fed. 190 million of the first issue (featuring Washington) were taken by the public. Now on Harrison, the Chicago Fed, through a vending machine in its money museum, unloaded 321 of them on the public last week, a record.

When the Fed orders coins, Congress has to enact legislation to collateralize those coins. When they buy paper currency, they are backed by their portfolio of Treasuries — that is why they are Federal Reserve Notes. As of March 1, \$1.125 trillion worth of currency was “out there,” one third of it is in the US, with \$292 billion in the vaults of the 12 Federal Reserve Banks and 21 operational branches (half of that amount is in the East Rutherford, New Jersey robotic cash warehouse of the NY Fed, which makes our currency available for foreign countries’ central banks in exchange for the euro, yen, Swiss franc, and the pound sterling.

The foreign demand for our \$100s is absolutely overwhelming. After the US, the Russian Federation has more of our currency than any other nation. About 40% of their economy is underground (hiding from the tax collector), so the government periodically cancelled the ruble and required the exchange of old for new rubles at a punitive rate. The people use our currency primarily as a store of value, not as a medium of exchange.

The Fed is our third attempt at a central bank. The first bank, from 1791-1811, was run by the federal government which could not manage the money supply. So the second bank was tried with the opposite approach, being run by the private banking industry under a 20-year charter starting in 1816; President Jackson cut them off in 1832. The law for the third bank was passed in 1913, and the 12 banks were each chartered in 1914 as separate private non-profit corporations; they receive no appropriations from Congress. The Fed makes some money from the Treasuries it holds, but more is made on the capital gains from their interventions in the capital markets when attempting to keep short term interest rates near the Fed target rate. Last year, the system had operating expenses of \$7.5 billion, and sent \$34.5 billion to Washington to keep its non-profit status.

Only 422 banks in the five states of the seventh district own Chicago Fed stock;

they send 3% of their capital surplus to the bank which pays them a 6% annual return. The Chicago Fed uses that money to buy Treasuries; system wide, \$958 billion in Treasuries were held on September 15, 2008. Since then the balance sheet has ballooned to \$2.1 trillion, and contains a lot of interesting things other than Treasuries. It probably will be \$3 trillion in the next quarter, and could top out at \$4 trillion. This is not just a local occurrence. The global money supply, from 195 sovereign states, doubled in the five months up to March 1, from \$32 trillion to \$64 trillion.

Addressing collectors, Jerry made sure to cover the large denomination notes, the \$500s, \$1,000s, \$5,000s, and \$10,000s.. Last printed in 1945, it took until 1969 to put them all into circulation. Checks have displaced large notes in transactions, and the government realized that the notes were used in many illegal transactions. In 1979, the Treasury ordered the destruction of anything larger than a \$100, so the Fed started shredding all that it received. When the Fed stopped in 2002, 353 of the \$5,000s were still out there. They stopped shredding after an example sold at auction for \$76,000. For the last seven years, the Fed banks send the large notes to the historical archives section of the Treasury. Nationwide in February, 6 \$1,000s and 14 \$500s were sent to the Treasury. Heirs find them in safe deposit boxes and such, but store clerks will not take anything like that and sometimes not even banks — the Fed receives angry calls from people whose bank refused to take their \$1,000 note at face. The big notes typically come from community banks in small towns; everybody in town has known everyone else all their lives, so the banks take the notes and send them to their local Fed bank.

Counterfeiting of the large denominations is an issue, and Jerry explained how most of the notes are intercepted before they reach circulation in the US. North Korean counterfeit \$100s? They are out there, some even in the Chicago Fed money museum, but their quality is not great because they did not get their ordered \$6 million Swiss printing press, the same kind as used by the BEP. Only four nations do not assist the Secret Service in their anti-counterfeiting efforts. The intaglio press confiscated in 1998 in Naples, Italy was just like the BEP uses; it belonged to the Italian Mafia who had purchased it from the Swiss. Those counterfeits were probably the best of all time. For the last two years, the number one producer is the criminal cartel of Johannesburg, South Africa. The best quality comes from Iran, which uses technology we sold to the Shah's government; it is more profitable to print our currency than their own. The product is wholesaled through various nations and criminal gangs, but only about 4% of the global counterfeit production reaches the US. About 80% of that is nabbed at the port (usually Miami, Los Angeles, or New York). Retailers catch about 90% that gets past the port, and banks catch about 75% of what retailers accepted.

Jerry answered questions on other points, but not all of the details can fit into this article. Be sure to catch his next presentation to our club, and let's hope it will not be another five years before he returns.

Our 1085th Meeting

Date: May 13, 2009

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Downtown Chicago

At the Chicago Bar Association, 321 S. Plymouth Court, 3rd floor meeting room. *Please remember the security measures at our meeting building: everyone must show their photo-ID and register at the guard's desk.* A few blocks west of the CBA building is the Ceres Restaurant (enter the Board of Trade building from Jackson at LaSalle, then enter the restaurant from the lobby) with standard sandwiches, burgers, and salads for members who want to meet for dinner.

Featured speaker: Brenda Bishop — *Hosting an ANA Summer Convention*

Be careful for what you wish, for you might just get it. Now that the club will be the host club for ANA in 2011, Brenda, the ANA's Meeting Services Director (Convention Organizer), will be here to tell us what has changed since we last hosted in 1999, and to listen to our ideas. We will answer her questions, and she will answer our questions. Join Bob Leonard, the convention's general chairman, as we learn about the available opportunities.

Speaker's Wor[l]d

Homer's Thrinakia: The ANS Library, Sicilian History and Early Numismatic Literature

presented by Elizabeth Hahn
to our April 25, 2009 meeting

In Book 12 of the *Odyssey*, Homer mentions an island, "Thrinakia," which describes as the home of Helios' cattle. The island is commonly thought to have been Sicily since the name implies a connection to the number three, and the island is roughly triangular in shape. Elizabeth was drawn to Sicily because it allowed her to study her three main interests: the ancient Greeks, Italian history, and the sea and maritime archaeology. She spent every summer there from 2002 until her appointment, in July 2008, as the Librarian of the American Numismatic Association in New York.

The presentation started with a map of Sicily, with notable Greek, Roman, and more modern sites located. The sites of some offshore shipwrecks were added next, and then was a photograph from space. Much of the history of Sicily is

recorded in books, and some of the more interesting of those books, found in the ANS library, were covered after providing a short history of the ANS library.

Now located on the 11th floor of the ANS' new home with great views of Manhattan, Elizabeth joined the ANS in the middle of the the latest move. Slides of past facilities elicited some fond murmurs from the audience, and were followed by slides from the new facilities which will include small exhibits of items from the library and archives. The current exhibit traces the 150-year history of the library, from a 31-page index to the online catalogue, of over 100,000 items, that is updated every month.

An interest in Sicilian history is very old, partly resulting from the many archaeological sites and partly from the oral histories that extended classical mythology. Archaeology and numismatics have a tendency to concentrate on the Greek periods of Sicilian history, with the other cultures that passed through being clumped under a few general headings. The first printed history of Sicily was published in 1558; it was written by Tommaso Fazello, a Sicilian. The first numismatic books had been printed earlier.

A very early numismatic book was *De asse et partibus eius* by Bude. It was text about ancient coins; the closest thing to an illustration that we saw was an ornate first letter to start the text. In 1517, Andrea Fulvio's *Illustrum imagines* was published. This work contains 204 woodcut portraits claimed to be from ancient coins, but now, a good number of the images are considered not to be from actual coins. The ANS' Bude is an original, but their Fulvio is not an original — just look at the bright yellow cover.

The 17th century saw the first appearance of works on Sicilian numismatics; *Sicilia Numismatica* by Filippo Paruta was one of the examples shown by Elizabeth. It covers materials from the ancient Greeks to the contemporary, 163 of the plates cover the ancient Greeks while only 70 plates cover everything after the Greeks. The last work shown by Elizabeth is her favorite at the ANS, *Sicula* by Jacobus Philippus d'Orville. It is big: 40 cm tall, 29 cm wide, and very thick. It is well illustrated, and the ANS copy has great binding. But what makes it so great is that it is more substantive than it is pretty. Over 300 pages are devoted to architecture of ancient sites in Sicily, over 200 pages cover Sicilian numismatics, and the last section covers inscriptions. This work is limited to only ancient sites and history of Sicily.

Elizabeth finished her presentation by answering a few questions about the ANS library. They have sent some works to Google to be added to Google Books, but these are only the first small steps.

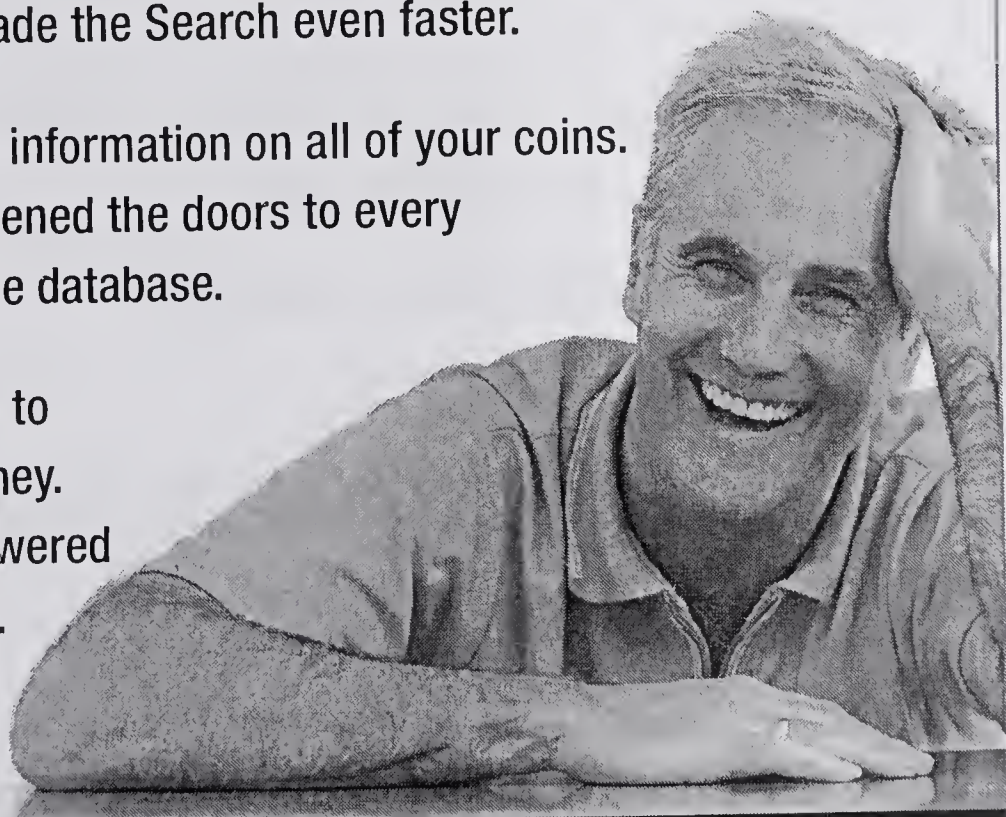


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Show and Tell

Items shown at our April 8, 2009 meeting.

1. **Eric Schmidt** showed some recently acquired pieces:
 - Among the \$2 notes found in circulation: a “stutter” note, so named because of the repeating digits in the serial number, and a note from the 1928 series.
 - From half-dollar rolls: two Walkers and two Franklins. Someone commented that more of the silver coins are appearing in rolls because people are turning in all the loose coins in drawers around the home. Some banks no longer accept half dollars because they jam the machines, but CoinStar machines still take them.
 - At last year’s CICF, Eric started a collection of a coin from each century, starting with the third century BC. Recently, he added a Hungarian piece from 1506, his oldest dated coin.
2. What was \$5 worth after WW I? **Kurt Hyde** showed some examples:
 - A 1918 20 mark note from Germany.
 - A 1923 20,000 mark note from Germany, near the start of the inflation period.
 - A 1923 20,000,000 mark note from Germany, once inflation got going.
 - A US \$5 gold piece.
3. *Do I have a deal for you!* were the opening words by **Andy Pliopolys**. Need steady income for your hobby? How about a safe investment with steady annual returns in excess of 10%? You could if you invested with this company. And then he showed copies of the November, 2008 monthly statement of someone’s account with Madoff Securities. Yes, that Bernard L. Madoff. The 17-page statement listed all trades from that month, as well as positions held at month’s end; \$300,000 was the balance of this trust fund, created by her father, which allowed only limited withdrawals. The customer is selling copies of account statements on eBay, and that is where Andy acquired this. The customer’s identifying information has been marked out, so it might be hard to verify that this customer was part of the Ponzi scheme and not just a customer who ran his/her own account with Madoff Securities. There also was a copy of a check for \$10,000 from this account, dated December 1, 2008. This check did go through.
4. **David Gumm** showed an 1842 US Large Cent grading AU-50. Acquired in Milwaukee last week, this is an example of the N1 variety that has a rarity rating of R3. A depression on the reverse is the result of either a foreign object on the die during striking, or a planchet defect.
5. **Eugene Freeman** also has some items from the Milwaukee show:
 - A 2009 £2 coin from the British Indian Ocean Territory, the newest coin-issuing entity of which Eugene is aware. The turtle collectors

will love this Pobjoy mint product.

- This has not been completely attributed yet, but it appears to be a bracteate from the 14th century. It shows St. Stephan, who is the patron saint of the city of Metz in Alsace-Lorraine. It could be from Magdeburg or Hildesheim.
 - A 1947 1 kori from the Indian state of Kutch, with a date of 2004 in the VS dating system. It is from just after India gained its independence, and it celebrates Indian independence.
 - The “chickless” variety of the otherwise common 1942 1 penny of Ireland; the missing chick is the result of a filled die. Obtaining the 1968 example of this variety was much easier.
 - A Caria (Miletos) AR fraction from around 400 BC. This small piece weighs only 0.2 grams, but the lion and the detail of the coin is great.
 - A Kolophon tetartemaron from 480-450 BC, also showing great detail.
6. **Mike Gasvoda** showed a Roman denarius from 12 BC. Augustus appears on the obverse, while the reverse shows his chosen successor, Agrippa, who never became emperor because he died before Augustus.
7. **Carl Wolf** showed framed examples of Chattel Mortgages acquired at CPMX. Chattel refers to portable assets (livestock then, mobile homes now), and Carl’s two check sized pieces are from Indian Territory. The \$2,000 one, from the Choctow nation in 1901, was for cattle: 40 steers, 15 heifers, 97 cows, and 70 calves. The \$1,025 one, from the Cherokee nation in 1907, was for 17 mules and 50 horses.
8. **William Burd** showed the 1846 book, *Pledges of History — A Brief Account of the Collection of Coins Belonging to the Mint of the United States*, by William E. DuBois, assistant assayer of the mint at the time. Only 140 copies were made of this work containing one engraved plate. The book’s chart shows 3,800 coins in the collection, of which 1,000 were ancient or medieval.
9. **Steve Zitowsky** showed coins and medals from territories that could legitimately issue coins:
- A silver Saarland medal, from the Saxony mint, with the date of the 13 January 1935 plebiscite. The German obverse legend *Deutsch Saar Immerdar* translates to German Saar Evermore, while the reverse *Volkabstimmung im Saargebiet* translates to Popular vote (Plebiscite) in the Saargebiet.
 - A Saarland AE medal dated 1935, in rough condition. The German legend *Deutsch ist die Saar* translates to The Saar is German.
 - 10 and 20 franken coins from 1954 Saarland, and a 100 franken coin from 1955, while it was still a French protectorate (autonomous region of France).
 - An undated 1890 Griquatown 1 penny token in proof, from the L.C. Lauer series struck in Berlin from re-engraved dies as restrikes of earlier local coinage from a part of South Africa.

- From the enclave of East Griqualand, an undated uniface 1874 1 shilling token produced by Strachan & Co. Considered to be the South Africa's first indigenous currency, it was made with a hole.
10. **Robert Weinstein** showed coins from the ethnic Greeks from Baktria during their occupation of northern India:
- A silver Attic-standard hemi-drachm of 2.1 drachm of Indo-Greek King Apollodotos I. The obverse shows an elephant, and the legend is in Greek. The reverse shows a bull, and the legend is in Khorosti, the local Indian dialect, making this one of the first bilingual coins.
 - A silver Indian-standard drachm of 2.4 drachm of Indo-Greek King Apollodotos I with the same designs, but this has a rare mint mark.
 - A bronze coin of Indo-Greek King Zoilos I. The obverse bust of Hercules is barely visible on this piece, which is also bilingual.
 - A silver Indian drachm of Indo-Greek King Menander who conquered most of northern India. His is the most common Indo-Greek coinage — possibly hundreds of thousands of pieces are out there. Issued around 150 MC, they still circulated in Indian Ocean ports in 10-20 AD.
 - A bronze coin of Indo-Greek King Theopholos. His coins are rare, and not much is known about him; possibly he ruled for only a year or two.
11. **Marc Stackler** showed four Mexican Revolutionary notes with revalidation stamps. All were issued by the military in large quantities so they are common today, and they were subjected to great counterfeiting. The genuine notes were issued with one seal, with additional stamps added by various offices from various states. The stamps were applied with a rubber stamp, but even stamped, the notes soon were not readily accepted.
12. **Sharon Blocker** showed some recent acquisitions:
- A District of Columbia US quarter found in circulation.
 - Six 10 peso pattern coins from Cuba honoring historical pirates. One is in copper nickel, another in gilt alloy, two trimetallic piece are heavier than the others, the aluminum is very light, and there is a copper piece.
13. **Mark Wieclaw** showed a range of items:
- After the last 90th anniversary committee meeting at Connie's Pizza, the waiter gave Mark a \$2 *Connie's Dough* bill; these are for employees at only the Archer Avenue place. Now Mark wonders if there are other denominations.
 - A tetradrachm from Rhodes, from 405 BC. In phenomenal condition, it has a three-quarters facing bust of Helios that shows no wear on the nose, the coin's highest point.
 - A bronze denarius of Otho, one of four emperors in 69 AD. This piece is a brockage.
 - A Mesopotamian bronze of Gordian III and his mother Tranquilina, from 238 AD. This is a unusually nice example of a common coin.
 - Two ANA 2008 (Baltimore) convention badges from The

Elongated Collectors (TEC). One is on a Maryland State quarter, and the other is on a presidential dollar.

14. **Robert Leonard** showed six precious metal coins with test marks:
- A Byzantion drachm that appears to be plated, dated between 400 and 370 BC.
 - A rupee from the Mughal Empire of Shah Jahan, the builder of the Taj Mahal. A small hole was drilled into this piece by a *shroff* or money changer.
 - An 1871 US Liberty Seated dollar, with the obverse scratched with a knife..
 - A gold ducat from the Genoese town of Foglia Vecchia located in Anatolia, from the 15th century.
 - Two imitation ducats of Venetian doge Andrea Dandolo, from the 14th century.

Important Dates

- May 13** CCC Meeting - Featured Speaker - Brenda Bishop on *Hosting an ANA Summer Convention*
- June 10** CCC Meeting - Featured Speaker - *to be announced*
- June 26-28** 28th Annual MidAmerica Coin Expo at the Renaissance Hotel and Convention Center, 1551 Thoreau Drive, Schaumburg, IL 60173. Admission is \$5 for Friday and Saturday; free on Sunday.
- June 27** CCC Meeting - (meeting time in the next issue) at the MidAmerica Coin Expo, which is held at the Renaissance Hotel and Convention Center, 1551 Thoreau Drive, Schaumburg, IL. No admission charge for our meeting.
Featured Speaker - *to be announced*
- July 8** CCC Meeting - Featured Speaker - Steve Feller on *to be announced*

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June 7	Harlan J. Berk	1995
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June 13	John Whitfield	2007
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Editor's Notes

Member Joe Boling disagrees with part of what Jerry Nelson of the Chicago Fed said when he addressed our April meeting; Jerry mentioned there have been only one counterfeit \$2 and one counterfeiter of the \$1 since 1862. Joe referred me to two references: Dickerman's 1894 *United States Treasury Counterfeit Detector* that mentions a number of counterfeit \$1 and \$2 notes, and the November 1948 edition of *The National Counterfeit Detector* that mentions no less than 20 counterfeit \$1 notes.

Jerry based his information on a conversation, a few years ago, with three of the Secret Service staff who pick up any found counterfeit notes every Friday. Maybe they concentrate on the current activity and forget about the old. Or, maybe, the sorting machines have never been "trained" on the older counterfeits. During the next ANA convention in Chicago, some collectors of small-size counterfeit notes should put together a nice assortment to test the Fed's sorting machine!

Paul Hybert

Minutes of the 1085th Meeting

The 1085th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was held May 13, 2009 in the Chicago Bar Association Building, 321 S. Plymouth Court, Downtown Chicago. President Jeffrey Rosinia called the meeting to order at 7 PM with 28 members and 2 guests, Brenda Bishop and Patrick Mullen.

The April Minutes printed in the *Chatter* were approved as published. Treasurer Steve Zitowsky reported April receipts \$5,191.00, expenses \$12,525.71 and total income minus \$7,334.71 leaving total assets of \$14,642.35 which is in Life Memberships \$2,390.00 and Members' Equity \$12,252.35. The Treasurer reported the big expense increase due to 90th Anniversary medal and banquet costs.

Seven applications for membership received second reading and all were elected into membership. They were Kevin Dailey, Daniel Pelc, Marc Charles Ricard, David Bynum, Zoujun Dai, Dale Lukanich and Jeffrey A. Amelse. The

application of Patrick Mullen received first reading.

The Club's General Chairman of the 2011 ANA Convention, Robert Leonard, introduced the featured speaker, Brenda Bishop, Colorado Springs. As the Convention Coordinator/Meeting Services Manager of the American Numismatic Association, Brenda covered the responsibilities of the host club and spoke of the committee posts that need to be filled.

Second V.P. Elliot Krieter introduced the 16 exhibitors. DAVID GUMM: included booklet, rolled out coin memorabilia from CCC 90th Anniversary & \$500 Federal Reserve Note; ROBERT LEONARD: April , 2009 issue *Catholic Historical Review*, book *Means of Exchange*, 3 cut Abbasid ¼ dirham 775-800 AD; EUGENE FREEMAN: 2 Coins of All Nations errors & a 1992 Indian 5 Paise striking error; ANDY PLIOPLYS: Aug 12, 1920 issue of the NY Times covering Mr. Ponzi for whom the Ponzi Scheme was named; MARK WIECLAW: 2 silver denari (71-73 AD) of Roman Emperor Vespasian, CCC past memorabilia; MARC RICARD: 1965 3 medal set from Central States Numismatic Society convention in Chicago & 1991 Red Book with signatures from 100th ANA Anniversary Convention in Chicago; NICK WEISS: a selection of church offering finds including wheat cents and international coinage; RICH LIPMAN: Geo Caching coin & Nicaraguan currency w/evolving designs; CARL WOLF: separately framed Katanga Cross & elephant tail hair money; ROBERT FEILER: 6 U.S. notes with red seals; Bill BURD: 1 of only 5 surviving copies of *Constitution & By Laws of the American Numismatic Association, 1891* including committee members, charter members and their addresses; PHIL CARRIGAN: ANA & CSNS auction catalogs & badges; STEVE ZITOWSKY: Swiss transportation token (1876) & possible bridge token (1835); ZOUJUN DAI: U.S. military 25-cent token, 1951 Big Nickel Sudbury Canada & 1886 1-cent Sultanate of Brunei; STEVE HUBER: 10 certified crowns; LYLE DALY: Maundy coins, Byzantine coinage & Canal Bank Notes.

Under Old Business, Mark Wieclaw announced a wrap-up meeting for the 90th Anniversary Committee to be held Wednesday May 20th. President Rosinia also announced he will call a meeting of the Board during June. President Rosinia announced that the Secretary had a supply of 90th Anniversary Medals for sale plus Club issued souvenir education cards from the Chicago International Coin Fair meeting.

Under New Business serial no. 001 of the bronze 90th Anniversary Medal was handed over to William Burd, Club Archivist, to be preserved with past Club memorabilia.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Carl Wolf, Secretary

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Speaker's Wor[l]d

Hosting an ANA Summer Convention

presented by Brenda Bishop
to our May 13, 2009 meeting

Brenda, the ANA's Meeting Services Manager (Convention Coordinator), started by summarizing some of the new things the ANA is developing for the conventions, then she covered the traditional convention tasks and any changes to them. Most in attendance had either worked or attended the previous ANA conventions at Rosemont (1991 and 1999) or had attended some recent ANA conventions (Milwaukee in 2007), so maybe we pulled her away from properly introducing the ANA summer convention to those who had never attended.

The first thing to know is that the ANA summer convention is the biggest coin show in the US. From Wednesday morning until early Sunday afternoon, there will be speciality club meetings, speakers on a range of topics, and the largest group of dealers. The final thing to know is that it cannot run without volunteers. There is a group of national volunteers who show up every year, pitching in as needed; there will also be many local volunteers, arranged by local coin clubs.

The ANA has tried a join-a-local-coin-club program at some recent conventions. A few local clubs have space near the bourse entrance to help publicize their club; staffing the table during the entire show is a big commitment for each club. Sometimes a sponsor can be found to pay the first year's dues to a local club. The ANA is moving towards an admission charge for non-members; an admission charge for the public (ANA members, school and scout groups as well as children 12 and under will be admitted for free) will begin with the summer 2009 convention in Los Angeles.

A two-day class, for some fee, has been held on the Monday and Tuesday before some recent conventions. Popular topics have been grading and authentication, but local input for the classes is welcomed. The idea is to bring some of the Summer Seminar experience to a more convenient location. The contracts for 2011 have not been signed so the venue and dates are not official, but Rosemont in August appears to be likely.

After announcing that only one position for 2011 has been filled so far — Bob Leonard as General Chairman — Brenda tried to cover all of the empty positions and what each entails. Of course there will be an Assistant Chair. For Exhibits, we could probably use three people to help find exhibitors by going out to other clubs and using their contacts; and plenty of workers are needed for setup and takedown. Another three people will be needed for running the Numismatic Theater, to introduce speakers and handle any room and equipment issues.

Although we locals like to hear the big out-of-town speakers, it was pointed out that the out-of-town visitors look forward to the local content for something new to them.

The Page Chair handles all page scheduling, the Scouting Chair usually works with the local scouting programs to implement some clinics, and the Patron Chair solicits donations for educational programs. The Registration Chair needs as many as 20 people, 3 or 4 at a time, to assist in the registration area; not to work behind the booths, but to guide the visitors and to assist the first timers who do not know what to do. The Volunteer Chair keeps the volunteers happy, reschedules any whose plans have changed, and knows where the volunteers are needed at any time. Volunteers are encouraged to enjoy the convention so volunteer stints of 2-4 hours at one time will be appropriate.

If you would like to be involved in convention planning, Bob Leonard wants to hear from you. Email him at RLWinnetka@aol.com, include your interests and availability for 2011, and mention any work for previous conventions or other relevant experience. Or send a letter in care of the club's P.O. Box. Bob is working on some ideas, and would like to hear of new ideas as well as better ways of delivering the usual features. Do not wait for 2011 to say, "You should have done it this way!" Tell us now!

Important Dates

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| June | 10 | CCC Meeting - Featured Speaker - XXXXXXXXXX <i>to be announced</i> |
| June | 26-28 | 28th Annual MidAmerica Coin Expo at the Renaissance Hotel and Convention Center, 1551 Thoreau Drive, Schaumburg, IL 60173. Admission is \$5 for Friday and Saturday; free on Sunday. |
| June | 27 | CCC Meeting - 1pm at the MidAmerica Coin Expo, which is held at the Renaissance Hotel and Convention Center, 1551 Thoreau Drive, Schaumburg, IL. No admission charge for our meeting. Featured Speaker - <i>to be announced</i> |
| July | 8 | CCC Meeting - Featured Speaker - Steve Feller <i>on to be announced</i> |
| August | 12 | CCC Meeting - Featured Speaker - <i>to be announced</i> |

Show and Tell

Items shown at our May 13, 2009 meeting.

1. **David Gumm** started with a rave review for the club banquet and the distributed brochure on club history— read it! Then he started with items passed out at the 90th anniversary banquet:
 - An elongated nickel — on a 1919 buffalo nickel.
 - An elongated 1969 Lincoln cent.
 - An encased 4-cent Lincoln postage stamp, produced by Bob Feiler.
 - A brass plate with the four 2009 Lincoln cent reverse designs, also from Bob Feiler.
 - A 1934-\$500 Chicago Federal Reserve note.
2. The previous week, **Robert Leonard** attended the International Medieval Congress in Kalamazoo, Michigan. He showed two books he acquired there:
 - The April, 2009 issue of *Catholic Historical Review* that includes a review of the proceedings of a 2004 conference where Bob presented.
 - The book *Means of Exchange*, the finest archeological excavation report Bob has ever seen, on a Viking site in Norway. It included pictures of several Viking gold and silver treasures. Many of the individual coins recovered from the site included entire Abbasid coins as well as cut pieces of them, not the usual content of a Viking-era hoard. Bob then showed, from his own collection, three cut Abbasid silver dirhams (as ¼ dirhams) found near Jerusalem, but lacking such a well-traveled provenance.
3. **Eugene Freeman** showed some items from around the world. His every-country collection includes pieces from the Franklin Mint sets of coins of all nations. Each piece consisted of a coin mounted in a cancelled stamped envelope from the country in question; anywhere from 3 to 7 pieces were purchased at one time in a set, and it is believed that 151 countries were covered. Eugene has acquired a 150-piece set and a 147-piece set, and he showed two oddities: the piece with a Hong Kong dollar coin has a stamp and postmark of El Salvador, while the piece from Camerouns contains an appropriate coin from the Bank of Central African States but also has a stamp and postmark from Cape Verde Islands. Both envelopes have a certificate of Authenticity on the reverse.
 - A 1992 5 paise coin from India. Instead of the expected diamond shape, this piece is off center and the planchet splashed when struck; Eugene ventured it was struck without a collar, and there could have been something else wrong during the striking.
4. Last month's description of the Madoff account statements shown by **Andy Pliopolys** included doubts as to their being part of the fraud. A

recent television program on the scandal showed the same types of statements, removing any doubts about the pieces shown to us. Then on to the current items:

- An example of 13-cent encased postage, issued a number of years ago by club member Robert Feiler who is identified as a Syngraphist. (That means he collects paper money.)
 - The August 12, 1920 issue of the *New York Times*, where the front page includes a piece, under a one-column “Ponzi Confesses” headline, about his recent activities in Boston, the first *Ponzi Scheme*. Among other things, the piece mentions that Mr. Ponzi had served jail time in Montreal for stolen checks and two years in an Atlanta federal prison for smuggling five people into the US.
5. **Mark Wieclaw** showed some items acquired at CICF, and then some coin club items from his collection:
- Two silver denari of Emperor Vespasian; these Judea Capta pieces were among the pieces that Dave Hendin had spoken about at the banquet meeting. One piece shows a quadrigga on the reverse, while the other shows an incuse bust of Vespasian — it is a brockage!
 - A button for the 1991 ANA convention listing John Wilson as the general chairman; it was issued just before the Seattle convention in 1990.
 - A contact list from organizing the 1991 convention, notable for the lack of cell phone numbers and email addresses.
 - A button from the Chicago Coin Club with, “Ask me about the 75th Anniversary.”
 - For the club’s 900th meeting on January 12, 1994, an elongated 1994-D Kennedy half dollar overstruck with monthly calendars from February, 1919 and January, 1994. A comment was made about the ability to obtain a 1994 half dollar so early in the year.
6. Continuing the convention theme was **Marc Ricard** with:
- His 1992 Redbook souvenir edition from the 1991 ANA convention banquet. Two shown pages are heavily signed by fellow attendees.
 - From his first Central States convention, in 1965 at the Pick Congress Hotel, a set of three Lincoln medals by J. Henri Ripstra, still in original case. The original price was \$5 for a set of pieces in different shapes and metals: silver, bronze, and aluminum.
7. **Nick Weiss** showed some items that his daughter, who works at a church, recently found among the offerings. A 1979-S Anthony dollar, 17 Lincoln cents from the 1930s to 1950s, a French, Irish, and two other countries’ coins, and an assortment of new and well worn Vietnamese currency.
8. **Richard Lipman** started with some items acquired during a recent trip to Madrid.
- On his first day there, he found the Sunday morning collectibles market, where it seemed nothing was priced less than 2 euros. He

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~Corpus Numismatum Omnium Romanorum Pontificum, Volume II, da Clemente VII (1523-1534) a Paolo IV (1555-1559)

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acquired a 1909 Lincoln cent.

- A GeoCaching token; these personal tokens are hidden by people who leave clues. The tokens can be made either commercially or by the person who hides it. A secondary market exists, and there is a website (listed on some pieces) for registering caches.
- Notes from Nicaragua showing the four stages of a major political change: the pre-revolution notes are very traditional with portraits of the contemporary leadership, popular historical figures appear near the start of the revolution, the new groups and programs (nationalization of the mines) appear soon after the revolution, to be replaced, finally, by the faces of the new leadership.
- A Libyan note with a portrait of the leader, Moamar Khadafi, in an apparently happy mood.

9. **Carl Wolf** showed two frames of primitive money for display:

- Elephant tail-hair from Congo. References to this are known from 1901. Encountered in a number of different forms for easier handling, bracelets of one strand are the smallest form. A few examples of what could be purchased for a given amount of hair were included, along with a note of caution regarding counterfeits made from plastic.

A copper piece shaped as an X, known as a Katanga cross. Known in various sizes and used as money from the 15th through 19th centuries, these indigenous pieces first were for the chiefs and later for the wealthy.

10. **Bob Feiler** showed examples of US Legal tender Bills with the seal and serial numbers printed with a red ink.

- A \$2 from the 1966 series.
- A \$5 from the 1953 series.
- A large size \$1 from the 1923 series.
- A \$100 from the 1968 series.

11. Another person showing an ANA item was **Bill Burd** with Publication #1, the Constitution and By-laws, dated 1891. One of only five known examples, a copy of the chipped and brittle original was passed around for viewing. It contains 18 pages of text and 12 pages of advertising. The text includes committee members as well as the 61 charter members with their addresses.

12. **Phil Carrigan** also showed some convention material:

- The 1944 ANA convention program included the auction lots with some lots priced in pencil. This convention was held in Chicago and was the only ANA auction by Cliff Lindall.
- A 1956 ANA convention badge for James E. Charlton of CANADA COIN EXCH. of Toronto, Canada. The badge has the logo for the Chicago Coin Club due to the Chicago venue for the convention. Also, Charlton's badge from the 1953 Central States convention at the Hotel LaSalle. These items recently acquired at an auction held in Toronto where Charlton consigned a group of

US convention badges.

13. **Steve Zitowsky** showed two unlisted transportation tokens from Switzerland:

- A copper token, dated 1876, with a “10” and “Tramways de Geneve”. The pictured 3-car train is of the same general type as that in a photograph that Steve also showed; the caption indicates the pictured train operated between 1862 and 1894.
- An apparent bridge pass token, circa 1835 Geneva. The image on the cardboard piece is very faint, so it is hard to determine the scale of the pictured trestle; it might be of a foot bridge.

14. **Zaijun Dai** showed a range of items:

- A US military base token marked Walker Hill Seoul. The number 25 appears on both sides of this 25 cent piece from the 1950s.
- An 1886 1 cent from the Sultanate of Brunei, dated 1304 AH.
- A Sudbury “big nickel” bearing dates 1751-1951. This local token is from the major nickel producing region of Canada. Some design elements are from the Canadian 5 cent piece.

15. **Steve Huber** showed a number of certified crown-sized coins, including:

- An 1880 pattern one peso from Argentina. This design was used during 1881-1883.
- One of many Bavarian double talers issued between 1924 and 1945; this one shows a statue of a bishop of Wurzburg.
- A 1917 5 francs piece. This brass plated on iron piece was for the German occupation.
- A 1929 5 mark oak tree with no hairlines.
- A 1956 Canadian dollar graded prooflike 67. This piece does not have the usual cloudy appearance common to the dollars.
- Four examples of 1971 to 1973 Canadian dollars with pretty toning on one side with the other side usually cloudy. That appearance results from the packaging.

16. **Lyle Daly** showed a range of items:

- A Maundy set of Edward VII, consisting of a 1, 2, 3, and 4 pence pieces. A short discussion ensued about the history of Maundy money; the nice box was commercially made for the set, as the pieces were originally distributed in a small purse.
- Found at a flea market, one sheet containing four unsigned remainder notes from Louisiana's Canal Bank of the 19th century.
- From CICF, a Byzantine bronze piece of Leo VI; it has cleaned up nicely since then.
- A follis of 40 nummi of Anastasius I, 491-518, who created the nummus as a unit of account. Purchased on eBay as uncleaned, it now looks much clearer.
- Another piece from eBay, this Phillip III bronze piece has the head of Apollo on the obverse and a youth on horseback (Alexander the Great on Bucephalus?) on the reverse.

Our 1086th Meeting

Date: June 10, 2009, **First session**

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Downtown Chicago

At the Chicago Bar Association, 321 S. Plymouth Court, 3rd floor meeting room. *Please remember the security measures at our meeting building: everyone must show their photo-ID and register at the guard's desk.* A few blocks west of the CBA building is the Ceres Restaurant (enter the Board of Trade building from Jackson at LaSalle, then enter the restaurant from the lobby) with standard sandwiches, burgers, and salads for members who want to meet for dinner.

Featured speaker: XXXXXXXXXX — *to be announced*

Date: June 27, 2009, **Second session**

Time: 1:00 PM

Location: At the MidAmerica Coin Expo, which is held at the Renaissance Hotel and Convention Center, 1551 Thoreau Drive, Schaumburg, IL 60173. (That is on the east side of Roselle Road, just north of I-90; no interchange there, so check a map.) Show parking is free. No admission charge for our meeting, look for signs to the meeting room.

Featured speaker: — *to be announced*

Birthday and Year Joined

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July 26	Jeffrey A. Amelse	2009
July 27	David Simpson	1980

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Editor's Notes

With summer events on the horizon, make a promise to yourself — to take good notes and submit a trip report to the *Chatter*. Summer seminar? ANA in Los Angeles? Make us wish we had been there!

Paul Hybert

Minutes of the 1086th Meeting

Session I of the 1086th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was held June 10, 2009 in the Chicago Bar Association Building, 321 S. Plymouth Court, Downtown Chicago. President Jeffrey Rosinia called the meeting to order at 7 PM with 24 members and 1 guest, Robert Greenstein, in attendance.

The May Minutes printed in the *Chatter* were approved as published. Treasurer Steve Zitowsky reported May receipts \$1,065.00, expenses \$226.00 and total income \$839.00, leaving total assets of \$15,481.35 which is in Life Memberships \$2,390.00 and Members' Equity \$13,091.35.

The Secretary reported he neglected to include the first reading of Patrick Mullen's application for membership in the May Minutes. Following a second reading, a motion unanimously passed to accept Mr. Mullen into the membership. Robert Greenstein's application for membership received first reading.

First V.P. Lyle Daly moderated and introduced a panel of coin dealers who answered member's questions and spoke of everyday experiences in their profession. The panel included Robert Feiler, Mark Wieclaw, Robert Greenstein and William Burd.

Second V.P. Elliot Krieter introduced the evening's 16 exhibitors. EUGENE FREEMAN: 5 coins dated 1797 from the Papal States. DONALD H. DOOL: 5 San Martin medals & an unknown 1621 flitter coin. ERIC SCHMIDT: 178(?) penny Colonial Dutch East Indies, 1499 coin from Holland, 1570 Hungarian coin, 1626 Austrian 3-kruzer & an ancient coin. ROBERT FEILER: authenticated strip of steel from 1943 U.S. cent production. LYLE DALY: 6 ancient coins from

Rome and Roman occupied Greece. MARK WIECLAW: 3 ancient Roman coins with galley reverses & a laser pointer with a \$ sign image. ROBERT LEONARD: 5 16th century coins related to French succession. ROBERT GREENSTEIN: 2009 U.S. proof set & a counterfeit 1896-micro "o" U.S. silver dollar. RICHARD LIPMAN: an unknown coin, medal dedicated to 5 time Chicago mayor Carter Harrison, U.S. \$2.00 banknotes with handwritten messages & bag of 1 euro chocolate coins. CARL WOLF: 2 examples of bead money separately framed. STEVE HUBER: 4 world crowns. WINSTON ZACK: 9 European coins struck in 1666. BILL BURD: Q. David Bowers' *American Coin Treasures & Hoards* with autographs from dealers who uncovered the hoards. NICK WEISS: junk mail offer selling the U.S. State Quarter series. MARC STACKLER: 4 Mexican Banknotes & fantasy token. MARC RICARD: George Evans' 1893 edition of *History of the U.S. Mint & Coinage*.

Under New Business, a motion was passed to cast the Club's ANA election ballot for those candidates who are club members: Clifford Mishler, President; Wendell Wolka and Joseph Boling, Governors. It was announced the Club will meet in conjunction with the MidAmerican Coin Expo at 1 PM, Saturday, June 27th. Ron Sirna, Flint, Michigan will speak on *Toning on Coinage*.

At 9:50 PM a recess was called with re-adjournment at 1 PM Saturday, June 27th at the MidAmerica Coin Expo, Renaissance Schaumburg Convention Center, 1551 N. Thoreau Drive, Schaumburg, IL.

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Session II of the 1086th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was held June 27, 2009 at the MidAmerica Coin Expo, Renaissance Schaumburg Convention Center, 1551 N. Thoreau Drive, Schaumburg, IL. The meeting was called to order at 1 PM, by First V.P. Lyle Daly with 23 members and 11 guests present.

Following a motion to hold an abbreviated order of business, V.P. Daly introduced the featured speaker, A. Ron Davis from Flint, Michigan who delivered a well-received program on *Toned Coinage*. Following numerous questions, it was announced that photographs used by Sirna would be projected on a makeshift screen at the Club's information table on the bourse floor. Attendees were invited to stop by for further discussions.

Membership applications of Robert Wheelhouse and Tom Wettstaedt, of suburban Chicago, received first reading.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:24 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Carl Wolf, Secretary

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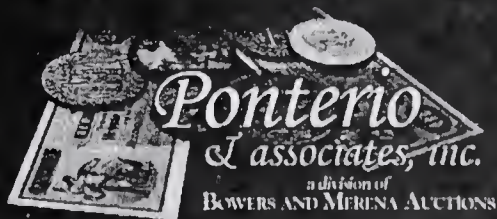
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Numismatics as a Profession

a panel discussion
at our June 10, 2009 meeting

The program began with the moderator, Lyle Daly, asking the four panel members to summarize their numismatic business background. Bob Greenstein has been at a downtown coin shop for 19 years, Bill Burd has owned a coin shop for 14 years, Mark Wieclaw has worked at two coin shops for some time, a Bob Feiler has been a vest-pocket dealer for a number of years. The request for the most interesting or unique acquisition got the program rolling.

One story had the seller of a typical large junk silver lot following that transaction by showing a gold Egyptian octodrachm and asking, "How much?" It had been bought years before so both sides knew what it was, although it was the first handled by this dealer — a quick phone call to an ancient coin dealer resulted in an accepted offer. Another comment was that the first 1909-S VDB cent is exciting, but after 10 of them you look for other things, such as a 10 ounce medal from the Netherlands. Sometimes, the pleasure comes from a pedigree traced to a coin collecting mentor.

A few recurring themes were: it is hard for a customer to trust a new dealer, it is hard for a dealer to trust a new customer, and a little knowledge is a dangerous thing. The owner of a few coins who initially claims not to know what he has might reply to a dealer's offer with the gray sheet price from the next higher grade — sure to elicit a "Then sell it to the gray sheet!" from the dealer. A more modern version of that line is to sell it to the Internet.

There were some comments on how to negotiate prices; the line between ridiculous and reasonable can be easily crossed. Sometimes it depends upon the material in question — with items that have a narrow spread between buy and sell prices (such as bullion), a counteroffer below the dealer's buying price is not appreciated.

The biggest mistake that collectors make is ignoring their mortality. At a minimum, leave some notes as to which pieces are the most valuable, and list one or two trusted dealers for the different types of material. A complete listing of your buying price, dealer name, and transaction date for every piece would be ideal, and is wishful thinking. Markets change over time, so there is no need to tell them how much that battered old penny cost.

Any discussion of the coin business now is sure to get around to eBay. This program was no exception, and members added their experiences to those from

the panel. The 20% taken by an eBay store and paypal adds up, but then it could be less than the overhead required with a brick and mortar location. Bullion, or other items with a small markup are no longer suited to eBay, except, perhaps, as part of a program to acquire new customers. The geographic scope is greatly increased with the Internet, and the searching capabilities are a change for the better.

Some other points were covered in this long program, too much for this report. As to getting started in the business, it all starts with your knowledge, especially your specialized knowledge. You have to enjoy some part of it, or you will give up at the first seller of junk from those cable television shopping channels.

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Date: July 8, 2009

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Downtown Chicago

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Featured speaker: Steve Feller — *The Most Curious Dr. John Leonard Riddell of New Orleans*

Dr. John Leonard Riddell was a science lecturer, botanist, geologist, medical doctor, chemist, physicist, professor at Tulane, microscopist (the inventor of the binocular microscope), numismatist and melter at the New Orleans mint, an original owner of the Confederate half dollar when it was minted in 1861, Postmaster of New Orleans under Union and Confederate control, and once again, Union control, issuer of his own post office scrip and his own postage stamps, politician, a founder of the New Orleans Academy of Sciences, and science fiction author! Above all he was involved in various plots and nefarious schemes until the day he died in 1865. In this talk Steve will review the numismatic life of this Yankee transplant to antebellum New Orleans.

Show and Tell

Items shown at our June 10, 2009 meeting.

1. **Eugene Freeman** showed coins from some of the Papal States (in Italy). Napoleon was capturing them during 1796-1797.
 - A 1797 2½ baiocchi from Civitavecchia.
 - A 1797 5 baiocchi from Civitavecchia, with the same general design as the previous piece.
 - A 1797 5 baiocchi from Perugia. This is struck on a flan better sized for a 2½ baiocchi piece.
 - A 1796 2½ baiocchi from Guggio.
 - A 1797 5 baiocchi from San Severino.
2. The San Martin medal collection of **Don Dool** has been growing by leaps and bounds, and he started with some recent acquisitions:
 - Chile and Argentina almost went to war in 1902. A meeting at Buenos Aires averted war, and Don showed three *Campo de Mayo* medals bearing the same basic obverse design and in copper, silver plated copper, and gold plated copper.
 - Two sailors appear on an irregular shaped medal bearing the date 25 Mayo 1903. Ship's names, *O'Higgins* and *San Martin*, appear on the sailors' caps.
 - One of a series of 12 Argentine medals from 1910. *Capital* is on this one, while other city names are on others.
 - An unidentified 1 flitter dated 1621. One side is worn off of this piece that weighs twice a typical flitter. It looks like an overstrike, and Don has not identified the coat of arms.
3. **Eric Schmidt** showed coins issued before 1800:
 - Acquired on eBay, a penny from the Dutch East Indies with only the first three digits, 178, of the date present. The large letters VOC identify this piece that circulated in what is now Indonesia.
 - A 1616 3 kreuzer of Ferdinand II of Austria.
 - A 1499 piece from Holland.
 - A 1570 coin from Hungary, of Maimilian II.
 - Eric asked for help identifying an ancient coin, but received none about this piece with incuse shapes on the slightly concave side.
4. **Bob Feiler** showed a sheet of steel from which planchets for US 1943 steel cents had been punched. It also came with a browned sheet of paper, a letter of explanation, written by an ANA member.
5. **Lyle Daly** showed some ancient coins, mostly from Greece and struck while under Roman rule, and most were purchased at a flea market.
 - Three examples of 5 *assaria* pieces: an unidentified coin of Odessos in Thrace, with an obverse cud; Gordian III facing Serapis from Odessos; from Mesembria, Phillip II facing Serapis on the

obverse and Athena with a shield and spear on the reverse.

- Two silver wash denarii of Severus Alexander with a Concordia reverse. One has the reverse aligned in medal turn, while the other has a coin turn.
- A nice Macedonian tetradrachm, with Artemis within a Macedonian shield; this was not from a flea market. Described by someone as, "A nice coin if it is not fake."

6. **Mark Wieclaw** showed ancient coins with a galley on the reverse.

Usually, a galley indicated a naval victory.

- An Alexandrian tetradrachm (in billon) of Nero.
- A bronze coin of the wife of Gordian III.
- A bronze coin of Pilectus.
- And for fun, a laser pointer with an assortment of tips to change the displayed "shape." A dollar sign and then a money bag with a dollar sign were among those shown.

7. **Robert Leonard** used a series of French coins to show that there had been two different French kings known as Charles X.

- From the city of Avignon, a well-worn silver coin of Pope Pius V (1566-1572), issued by Charles of Bourbon after the popes had moved back to Rome.
- A double tournois of Henri III (1574-1578), a Catholic who was assassinated.
- His nearest relative, Henri of Navarre, was a Protestant who assumed the title of Henri IV as shown on a double tournois from 1609. The Catholic nobles who resisted him finally gave up after Henri IV converted to Catholicism.
- Before that conversion, Henri's uncle, Charles of Bourbon, was proclaimed Charles X as shown on a douzain from 1593. He had died in 1590, and similar coins are known until 1598; he was chosen because the nobles could not unite behind one Catholic contender for the throne, so they named a dead man.
- Finally, a Charles X ruled from 1820-1830, as shown by an 1829 5 centimes for French colonies.

8. **Bob Greenstein** showed two items:

- A 2009 US proof set.
- An 1896-O micro-o Morgan dollar. At one time, PCGS had graded 26 of them. A ridge in the field to the left of the eagle results from a die scratch; the same mark appears on the reverses of two other dollars from the New Orleans mint, in 1900 and 1902. Once that was realized, these three micro-o coins were reclassified as contemporary counterfeits; at that time the metal in a silver dollar cost much less than one dollar, so a counterfeit coin with good feel could return a good profit to the counterfeiter. The 1899-O micro-o is a genuine product of the New Orleans mint.

9. **Richard Lipman** showed a range of items:

- A piece he is trying to identify. Latin legends on both sides, with a



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~Newby's St. Patrick Coinage; Coinage of
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at the American Numismatic Society,

New York, November 11, 2006,

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~New Mexico Trade Tokens II by Billy Kiser

~A Register of Liberty Seated Half Dollar Varieties,
Volume I, San Francisco Branch Mint by Bill Bugert

~State & Federal Copper and Brass Coinage of Mexico
1824-1872 by Don Bailey, NLG

~Means of Exchange

Edited by Dagfinn Skre

lamb on one side and a bishop on the other.

- A medal of Chicago Mayor Carter H. Harrison, certifying that the bearer has paid one dollar to the Harrison memorial. He had been assassinated while mayor, and some members knew the general location of the statue (somewhere west of downtown).
- People write the oddest things on money. Out of a couple hundred \$2 bills, Richard found six examples. From legible thoughts to just scrawls.
- Acquired during his recent trip to Europe, a bag of “pattern” clad euro coins that he gave to the attendees — the chocolate amalgam center was very tasty.

10. **Carl Wolf** showed two examples of primitive money, framed and with history:

- Tibetan turquoise beads. Wearing turquoise helps ward off the evil eye.
- Donkey Bead Money. Bright blue beads, accepted for small change in parts of Iran. Not worn by people, but put on their donkeys for protection.

11. **Steve Huber** showed four world crowns:

- A silver 1943 tael from French Indo China; the reverse has Cambodian script on top and Chinese on the next two rows.
- A silver 1903 Straits Settlements trade dollar, with the “incuse B” reverse type.
- An undated Austrian taler from 1574-1595.
- A large and beautiful 1648 piece from Saxony.

12. Coins from 1666 is the latest interest of **Winston Zack**, and he showed us some recent acquisitions:

- A Great Britain crown of Charles II; this is only the fifth year of their machine struck coinage.
- Poland and Lithuania were together then, when John II issued this silver 6 groschen coin.
- A copper schilling from Lithuania.
- Although about 80 German states produced coins dated that year, Winston has only two: a 3 kreuzer from Silesia, and a 2 mariengroschen from Ravensberg.
- An attractive silver 3 kreuzer from Austria.
- Also from Austria, a klippe — a one-ninth taler from Salzburg bearing an image of Saint Rupert of Salzburg.
- A silver 16 skilling from Denmark, Gluckstadt.
- An undated 1 liard from Liege while part of the Spanish Netherlands (1650-1688).

13. **Bill Burd** showed Dave Bowers’ *American Coin Treasures and Hoards* where he is collecting autographs of dealers and collectors involved in the stories. Ed Milas, David Hall, Ira Goldberg, and Eric Newman are some of the acquired.

14. **Nick Weiss** showed a fancy mailing offering state quarters at \$15.95 plus

\$2 shipping per group — was that one or two coins per group? The pictures were of proof coins, but the ad had no mention of that for the available pieces. Nick did have something nice to say about the big, glossy, full color sheet — the reverses of all pieces appear clearly and it provides a handy reference.

15. **Marc Stackler** showed some older Mexican items:
 - The Mexican Numismatic Society reports a rash of counterfeit high denomination notes from state banks. Most of the originals had been printed by the American Banknote Company, and Mark showed four original 50 peso notes. There were two National Banks in Mexico in the early 1900s, with the remaining banks just state banks.; that banking system collapsed in 1915.
 - Fantasy tokens are appearing on eBay. Probably from 1950s Guadalajara, these nice appearing pieces look nothing like the originals from the early 1800s.
16. **Marc Ricard** told how the Government Building at the 1893 Columbian Exposition contained a wonderful exhibit of coins and paper notes. Then he showed a special edition, for the Columbian Exposition, of George Evans' *History of the US Mint and Coinage*. The front cover has a gold embossed portrait medal honoring Christopher Columbus. Photos of mints and assayer offices are included. Among the included ads is one for Evans' guide to the mint.

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August 1	Danny Spungen	2008
August 9	Daniel Pelc	2009
August 11	Clifford Mishler	1995
August 19	Carl F. Wolf	1979
August 20	Melvyn Frear	1989
August 20	Kevin Dailey	2009
August 21	Kurt Hyde	2007
August 22	Marc Stackler	2007
August 26	Tom DeLorey	1984
August 26	Donald H. Doswell	1960
August 27	Kevin Foley	2007
August 28	Eugene Freeman	2006
August 29	James M. Rondinelli	1997

Important Dates

- July** **8** CCC Meeting - Featured Speaker - Steve Feller on *The Most Curious Dr. John Leonard Riddell of New Orleans*
- August** **12** CCC Meeting - Featured Speaker - *to be announced*
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Board of Governors Meeting June 24, 2009

The Chicago Coin Club Board of Governors held a meeting June 24, 2009 at Connie's Pizza, 2373 S. Archer, Chicago. President Rosinia called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM with the following in attendance: William Burd, Elliot Krieter, Marc Stackler and Carl Wolf.

Proposed new speaker/award medals based on the 90th Anniversary Lincoln Medal were reviewed. Directors favored the 2" X 1-3/8" bronze rectangle with the Club name placed vertically behind Lincoln. Cost would be \$580 for tooling and 110 bronze medals @ \$6.50 each. Five each bronze medals would be plated with gold and silver (+\$3.50 each) for the top Cabeen Exhibit Award recipients. The mint would be IMC, the same place that produced the Lincoln medal. Cost to reproduce 100 medals from the current supplier would be \$7.00 each.

An increase in the number of exhibitors over past months has caused the meeting to run long. Directors discussed ways to add structure to this part of the meeting and decided to begin keeping and recording individual exhibit times that will be reviewed at the next Board Meeting. Starting the meeting at 6:30 PM was also discussed.

Since the Club will host the 2011 American Numismatic Association (ANA), the Board agreed that the Club should try to come up with an exhibit from the archives. A general discussion also took place on the upcoming event. After reporting that the 90th Anniversary Medals were nearly sold out, a request was made for an inventory of all educational souvenir cards and medals.

A discussion took place concerning the possibility of the Club using the Chicago Bar Association's cable connections to hold video-conferences with out-of-town speakers. The directors also discussed the history of the November auction.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM with the next meeting tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, August 19th at the same location.

Respectfully Submitted,
Carl Wolf, Secretary

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Editor's Notes

Something new! We will start our monthly meetings at 6:45 pm with the business conducted first, to be followed by the featured speaker at 7:00, and then the exhibits.

Will anyone submit a trip report about ANA in Los Angeles? Things fell into place for me this last week, so I bought tickets and found a room just two weeks before the show starts. The three official hotels were sold out, but \$80 rooms were still available about five blocks from the convention center. With this econmy, new or remodeled boutique hotels are offering some great deals — at least that is the optimist's explanation of \$80 hotel rooms in downtown LA. Check next month's issue to see if I am still an optimist. Also look for the overdue writeups on the past presentations by David Hendin and Ron Sirna — a 43 hour train ride each way should provide enough time to turn pages of notes into finished articles.

Paul Hybert

Minutes of the 1087th Meeting

The 1087th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was held July 8, 2009 in the Chicago Bar Association Building, 321 S. Plymouth Court, Downtown Chicago. President Jeffrey Rosinia called the meeting to order at 7 PM with 20 members and 1 guest, Doug Lightner, in attendance.

The June Minutes printed in the *Chatter* were approved as published. Treasurer Steve Zitowsky reported June receipts \$546.00, expenses \$194.07 and total income \$351.93, leaving total assets of \$15,833.28 which is in Life Memberships \$2,390.00 and Members' Equity \$13,433.28.

Following the second reading of the applications for membership of Robert Greenstein, Robert Wheelhouse and Tom Wettstaedt, motions were passed accepting them into membership. Doug Lightner's application for membership received a first reading.

A report was delivered on the success of the Club's meeting at the MidAmerica Coin Expo with Ron Sirna's program *Toning on Coins*. Eugene Freeman announced that Jason Freeman, Club YN member, earned his Eagle Scout badge, the highest rank attainable by the Boy Scouts of America. An announcement was made on behalf of member Winston Zack who is taking a survey on U.S. three cent silver coinage.

First V.P. Lyle Daly introduced the featured speaker, Steve Feller, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, who delivered a presentation *The Most Curious Dr. John Leonard Riddell of New Orleans*. Following a question and answer period, Daly presented Feller with an ANA Educational Certificate and engraved Club speaker's medal. Daly also presented certificates and engraved medals to Mark Wieclaw and Robert Feiler for their role on a panel discussion at the June 10th meeting.

President Rosinia reported on the June 24th meeting of the Board of Governors. He raised the subject of exhibits and reminded members to be brief. Following a discussion on the Board's recommendation to issue a new speaker and Cabeen award medal, a motion was passed to order a 2" X 1-3/8" bronze medal modeled after the Lincoln medal issued for the recently observed 90th Anniversary at a cost of \$580 tooling, 110 @ \$6.50 each, +\$3.50 each for gold or silver plate, plus freight. In an effort to accommodate longer meetings, it was decided to begin meetings at 6:45 PM starting in August.

Second V.P. Elliot Krieter introduced the evening's 13 exhibitors. DAVID GUMM: 1843 U.S. Large Cent N2-N7. ROBERT FEILER: 1893 toned Columbian Expo half dollar. STEVE FELLER: J.L. Riddell postage cover and scrip. PHILIP CARRIGAN: 1959 CCC medal of merit awarded to Ernest Jonas. DONALD DOOL: South American patacons, a tramway token and a 1590 duit from Colemburg. EUGENE FREEMAN: Finnish 10-pennias of 1865 & 1917 and Ugandan shilling. PAUL HYBERT: 1835 Mint Report. CARL WOLF: framed Prosser trade beads. LYLE DALY: 5 ancient coins. ROBERT LEONARD: a gold 1/10 fanam from Vijaynagar Empire. MARC STACKLER: 2 Sinaloa sand-cast pesos, circa. 1913. MARK WIECLAW: "tribute pennies" of Tiberius (14-37 AD), Netherlands guilder cut-out, a double-struck and off-center Kennedy half dollar, 1/4 gold eagle coins used for employee recognition by Cinemark, and a large print Red Book. ANDY PLIOPLYS: story of Chicago's suburban Palwaukee Airport logo on paper money honoring Lithuania's millennium.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 PM with the next meeting to be held at 6:45 PM on Wednesday August 12th.

Respectfully Submitted,
Carl Wolf, Secretary

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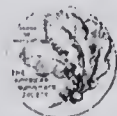
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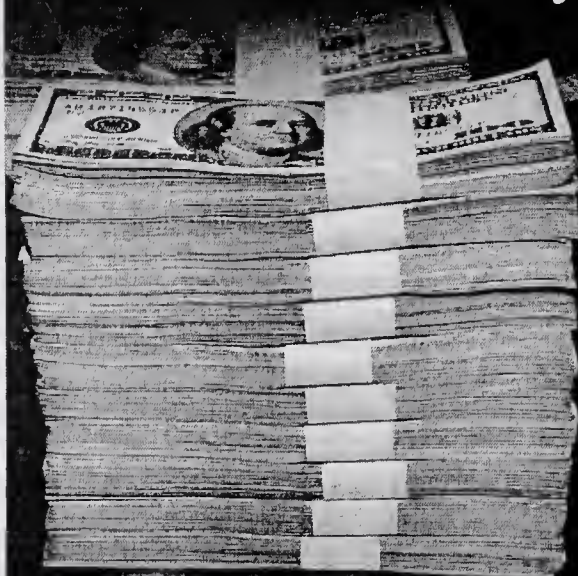
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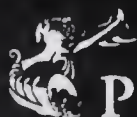
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Birthday and Year Joined

September	2	John Wilson	1984
September	7	James M. McMenamin	1975
September	18	Michael M. Dolnick	1952
September	18	Gregory Gajda	1999
September	19	Russell F. Wajda	2000
September	20	Winston Zack	2005
September	21	Kerry K. Wetterstrom	1999
September	24	Michael A. Pesha	1979
September	26	Dennis P. Ciechna	1999
September	29	Gordon R. Donnell	1999
September	29	Marc Charles Ricard	2009

Speaker's Wor[l]d

The Most Curious Dr. John Leonard Riddell of New Orleans

presented by Steve Feller
to our July 8, 2009 meeting

Maybe *scoundrel* is the best word to describe John Leonard Riddell, 1807-1865. He did everything a human being can do — both good and bad. Steve started the program by showing some of the material in his article in the January, 2009 *The Numismatist*, following that with images and quotes while telling us about Riddell's time in New Orleans.

Riddell received bachelor's and master's degrees in 1829 and 1832 from Rensselaer School in Troy, New York. A medical degree followed in 1834 from Ohio Reformed Medical College. Following his botanical explorations of Texas, he was appointed melter and refiner of the New Orleans Mint in 1839 by President Martin Van Buren. After some accidents and mishaps, he was able to produce silver bars acceptable by the coiner; his efforts with gold were less successful. He had conflicts with other mint employees, but in 1845 he published the useful book *Monograph of the Silver Dollar, Good and Bad, Illustrated with Facsimile Figures*. The silver dollars were mostly South American 8 reales, of which many good types as well as counterfeits were then encountered; the images of good and bad coins were the highlight of this book from the days before photography. In 1847, his article *The Mint at New Orleans — Processes Pursued of Working the Precious Metals — Statistics of Coinage, etc.* appeared in *DeBow's Review*. By late 1848, he was fired by the Secretary of the Treasury.

Skipping ahead to 1860, President Buchanan appointed Riddell as the U.S. Postmaster for New Orleans. He remained in charge of the New Orleans post office even after the southern states started seceding in early 1862. After the agreement to maintain postal service between North and South expired on June 1, 1861, Riddell was the first to produce what are now known as Southern Postmaster Provisionals. Steve showed a number of pictures of the two cent and five cent stamps alone, used on cover, and even a reconstructed sheet of 40 five cent stamps. Riddell almost lost his position a few times, but, for one reason or another, the people appointed by the Confederate government never arrived in New Orleans. Some of his public disagreements are known from exchanges of letters in the local papers. He was removed when Union forces moved into New Orleans in 1862.

While he was postmaster, he was tied to some numismatic events. He was present when the four Confederate half dollars were minted in the New Orleans Mint; he even obtained one of them. And the post office issued scrip in 16 denominations

of ½, 1, 2, 5, 10, 12, 15, 20, 24, 25, 48, and 50 cents, as well as for 1, 2, 4, and 5 dollars. No one knows why so many, or those particular denominations. Many of the shown used examples have JL RIDDELL stamped on them as Post Master, and some have the signature of his daughter, L L Riddell, as the Postage Clerk.

Riddell claimed to have been elected governor of Louisiana in 1863; although sworn in, the military governor remained and Congress eventually rejected his claim. He declared himself a Union man and, until his death in 1865, called secession a big mistake. He collapsed at a newspaper while rebutting an earlier pro-Confederate letter, and he died a few days later. Steve concluded with a picture of Riddell's headstone in Metairie Cemetery, New Orleans.

Our 1088th Meeting

Date: August 12, 2009

Time: 6:45 PM

Location: Downtown Chicago

At the Chicago Bar Association, 321 S. Plymouth Court, 3rd floor meeting room. *Please remember the security measures at our meeting building: everyone must show their photo-ID and register at the guard's desk.* A few blocks west of the CBA building is the Ceres Restaurant (enter the Board of Trade building from Jackson at LaSalle, then enter the restaurant from the lobby) with standard sandwiches, burgers, and salads for members who want to meet for dinner.

Featured speaker: — *to be announced*

Show and Tell

Items shown at our July 8, 2009 meeting.

1. **David Gumm** showed the latest addition to his collection of the N1 large cent variety from each year. This is a tough variety for 1843 — there is no such thing. So Dave decided upon the N2 variety, which is also the N7 variety! The differences between early and late die state pieces were significant enough to confuse Newcomb into concluding they were of two separate die varieties. The “N” numbers are for Newcomb, whose reference book built upon the variety descriptions and numbering of Andrews; the varieties identified by Andrews and confirmed by Newcomb would have the same number in both systems. The N14 variety might have been the Andrews #1 variety.
2. Inspired by Ron Sirna’s presentation on toned coins at our meeting at the recent MidAmerica show, **Bob Feiler** showed a beautifully toned 1893 Columbian Expo half dollar. What he does not like is how the toning hides a multitude of sins, including some gouges. The obverse has an untuned circle where a dime-sized object had lain upon it.
3. **Steve Feller** showed some examples of Riddell items mentioned in his presentation:
 - There were five different printings of the 5 cent New Orleans stamp. Steve showed a cover with two of the 5 cent stamps from the fourth printing used on a cover to Nashville, Tennessee.
 - An example of the 1 cent post office scrip. Printed on yellow paper, it bears the rubber stamp of Ridell as postmaster and the signature of L.L. Riddell, his daughter, as postage clerk.
4. At a Baltimore coin show last month, **Phil Carrigan** acquired a CCC medal from an auction by Presidential Coin & Antique (Joe Levine). This silver Medal of Merit has *Ernest Jonas 1959* engraved on the reverse; he was charter member #18 of our club. First awarded in 1955, the obverse is the same as currently used except examples now are in bronze.
5. Inspired by California’s recently issued warrants, **Don Dool** started with similar items from Argentina:
 - During financial difficulties in 1995, three provinces paid their bills with bonds paying 7% interest. When finally redeemed, they paid only 10 to 30 centavos on the peso. Known as *patacons*, Don showed a 2 peso from San Luis, and 1 peso examples from Buenos Aires and Catamarca.
 - A corroded, 50 centavos 1884 tramway token from Lima, Peru.
 - Acquired at CICF, a 1590 duit from the Netherlands (Colemburg mint).
6. **Eugene Freeman** showed some recent acquisitions:
 - Two examples of the 10 pennia coin from Finland. The one dated



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1865, while Finland was under Russian control, bears the monogram of Czar Alexander II. The one dated 1917 bears the usual Russian double-headed eagle, but without a crown as it was issued by the Kirinsky (White Russian) government.

- A 2002 1,000 shillings *Gorillas of Africa* coin from Uganda. Everyone assumed it was .999 silver, and that is how early catalogs described it and dealers priced it; but it really is silver plate.

7. **Paul Hybert** showed an 1835 US Mint Report that included brief reports on the progress of the three branch mints; the reports from New Orleans included two fold-out maps. The map of the city named only a few streets and located only three notable sites, one of which was Jackson Square, the area for the mint building. The other map was a detail of that Square, and it also shows the dimensioned foundation of the mint building. The original report from the Secretary of the Treasury went to President Jackson, who forwarded it to Congress; this disbound report is from an 1836 book of Congressional documents. The back of one map has the stamp of the Concord Free Public Library.
8. **Carl Wolf** showed framed prosser trade beads. First developed by the Prosser brothers in England in the 1830s, these pear-shaped beads have a seam and were made from different colors of clay. Produced in France from 1860 onward, they were popular because the color went all the way through, making their attractiveness impervious to scuffs and light damage.
9. **Lyle Daly** showed some ancient coins he has cleaned:
 - To give us a feel for cleaning can improve a coin's appearance, Lyle cleaned only half of each side of a bronze coin of Maximianus. His technique involves very dilute hydrogen peroxide, plain water, a fingernail brush with soft nylon bristles, and some pick work under a 40 power stereoscopic microscope.
 - A provincial bronze coin from Ahchialus in Thrace under Roman rule. A draped and cuirassed bust of Septimius Severus is on the obverse, and a seated Zeus appears on the reverse.
 - An AE32 of Gordian III from Superior Viminacium, Moesia (modern day Serbia). The AN III on the reverse dates this to the third year of his rule. A standing city goddess is flanked by a bull and a lion on this typical reverse; the bull represents the seventh legion while the lion represents the fourth legion, both of which were stationed there.
 - An AE28 of Phillip I from the same city, dated to the eighth year of his rule.
 - An AE26 of Volusian from the same city, dated to the eighth year of his rule.
10. At the recent MidAmerica show, **Robert Leonard** found a coin he had been seeking for 50 years. He started by showing his motivation — an article from a Savings and Loan magazine from 1951. The article on Curious Currency showed such things as a Katanga cross, a Yap stone,

and ... the smallest coin in the world, a tiny gold piece from Travancore that weighed only one grain. Bob's coin, a one-tenth fanam from the Vijaynagar Empire, dates from about 1382 and is from the coastal area of modern India. How small is it? The piece is so small, it barely covered Liberty's cheek when placed on a Mercury dime. There is no room on it for even an inscription; so the feeling is that they were used by weight, in bulk.

11. **Marc Stackler** showed two Sinaloa sand-cast pesos, circa 1913 during the Mexican Revolution. These were used to pay troops and buy supplies, and were made with local silver mine output. Sand casts were made using real coins that are identifiable to type:

- An 1896 Cap & Rays 8 reales with the Go mint mark.
- A contemporary peso.

After a later assay detected gold in the coins, many were melted.

12. **Mark Wieclaw** showed a range of items:

- A current Redbook — the spiral binding and large print make for easy use.
- The tribute penny of the Bible is generally considered to have been a denarius of Tiberius, 14-37 AD. It mainly used one reverse — his mother, seated. Mark showed one of those, then one with tiberius riding in a quadriga while holding an eagle-topped staff. A cutout of a 1 guilder from The Netherlands soldered into a brooch.
- A double struck 1972-D Kennedy half dollar, with the second strike off center so the resulting piece is not circular.
- Three encapsulated US quarter ounce eagles, dated 2001, 2002, and 2005. The holders are marked with *Cinemark President's Gold Club*. Cinemark is a chain of movie theaters, but Mark did not know the purpose of these pieces.

13. **Andy Plioplys** mentioned that this year is the millenium of the first written reference to Lithuania, found in the log of a traveller who was passing through. He then showed the 15th edition of Krause's *World Paper Money* covering the years 1961 to the present. The cover shows part of a 10 litu banknote featuring Stephen Darius and Stanley Girenas. Their attempt at flying from New York to Kaunas, the capital of Lithuania, in 1933 ended with their fatal crash in Germany, just 404 miles short of their destination. Their images were first used on stamps in 1933, and appeared on currency after the recent independence. On large, clear images, the badge on their cap has a vertical and a horizontal bar in which the words PALATINE and MILWAUKEE appear. The pair had practiced and trained at Palwaukee Airport which is located northwest of Chicago, at the intersection of Palatine and Milwaukee Roads.

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Prepare for Club Auction

The club auction is scheduled for the regular November club meeting; the auction will start at about 7PM, after the business session concludes. In the past few years, club related material (and Chicago area numismatic items) have had the best results.

Please consider using the club auction to dispose of the numismatic items you no longer need. Details will appear in the October *Chatter*, but it should follow the pattern from recent years.

Minutes of the 1088th Meeting

The 1088th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was held August 12, 2009 in the Chicago Bar Association Building, 321 S. Plymouth Court, Downtown Chicago. President Jeffrey Rosinia called the meeting to order at 6:45 PM with 26 members and 2 guests, Ivan and Teresa Thompson, in attendance.

The July Minutes printed in the *Chatter* were approved as published. Treasurer Steve Zitowsky reported July receipts \$662.00, expenses \$539.70 and total income \$122.30, leaving total assets of \$15,955.58 which is in Life Memberships \$2,390.00 and Members' Equity \$13,565.58.

Following the second reading of Doug Lightner's application for membership a motion was passed accepting him into membership. Ivan Thompson's application for junior membership received a first reading. The Treasurer announced 2009 membership dues were not received from Jared Irish and John Vander Weit. A motion was passed to drop them from the rolls. A motion was passed authorizing Steve Zitowsky to arrange December 9th Holiday Banquet reservations and make a deposit at Marcello's Restaurant, 645 W. North Ave., Chicago, IL.

President Rosinia asked for the members to stand for a moment of silence in memory of Don Valenziano. It was also announced that member Clifford Mishler was recently elected ANA President and member Tom DeLorey was the recipient of the ANA Numismatist of the Year Award.

First V.P. Lyle Daly introduced the featured speaker Robert Feiler, who delivered a presentation *Odd Denomination Currency*. Following the program, Daly presented Feiler with an ANA Educational Certificate and engraved Club speaker's medal. Daly also presented a certificate and engraved medal to Bill Burd for taking part on a panel discussion at the June 10th meeting.

Lyle Daly introduced the evening's 16 exhibitors. DAVID GUMM: 1928 \$20 U.S. gold certificate. EUGENE FREEMAN: 3 Mexican coins and an Indian 2-paisa 1949/4 date. JASON FREEMAN: Polish coin commemorating soccer with embedded amber. GERARD ANASZEWICZ: 4 & 1 daler Swedish plate money. DONALD DOOL: Mecklenburg-Schwerin penning, Lincoln commemorative cent & kipper era coinage. IVAN THOMPSON: Grand Cayman dollar. ROBERT LEONARD: 3 bronze & 3 gold coins of William II, Norman, Sicily. RICHARD LIPMAN: elongated CCC Fall Festival cents, Israeli medal & passage from a Cat-in-the-Hat book dealing with money. MARK WIECLAW: 2008 1-oz. silver rounds honoring Obama's election, a 10-oz. palladium bar & an ashtray made from Peruvian silver coins. MARC STACKLER: 2 Mexican coins from Toluca. ZOUJUN DAI: 4 international coins. ROBERT WEINSTEIN: a note & medal commemorating the King of Thailand's 60th birthday & 3 coins from Indo-Scythian kings. WILLIAM BURD: Robert Eidlitz's book *Medals & Medallions Relating to Architects*. CARL WOLF: framed 1914 check from E.S. Wells Pharmaceutical Company. ROBERT FEILER: 7 pieces of U.S. obsolete currency. MARC RICARD: 1945-46 price list from Stack's.

Adjournment was at 9:00 PM with the next meeting to be held at 6:45 PM on Wednesday September 9.

Respectfully Submitted,
Carl Wolf, Secretary

Important Dates

- September 9** CCC Meeting - Featured Speaker - Curtis Clay on *The Sun God Elagabalus on the Roman Coins of the Emperor Elagabalus*
- September 17-19** ILNA convention at the Tinley Park Convention Center, 18501 S. Harlem Ave., Tinley Park, IL 60477. Details at <http://www.ilnaclub.org>
- October 14** CCC Meeting - Featured Speaker - *to be announced*

Speaker's Wor[l]d

Economics, History & Money in Judea & Early Christianity

presented by David Hendin
to our April 25, 2009 banquet meeting

Those expecting a short talk to conclude our 90th anniversary banquet were disappointed. David can talk and talk in his areas of interest; there was nervous laughter following the encouraging, “We have this room until midnight” shout from the audience. He attributes his collecting spirit to his father, a physician in St. Louis and a collector of everything. The following is but a sampling of David’s program.

Primary sources are few but available; they include the Old and New Testaments. the most overlooked source is the coins — we can read a coin like others can read a book. Gold and silver rings were an early store of value, being valued by weight. Very small pieces of chopped-up silver was another form; pieces were mixed and matched until the desired weight was achieved. An Egyptian relief depicts bronze weights in a range of shapes, including cows, lions, and frogs; David have some of these types of weights in his collection. A weight could be in any shape — one like a cup cake is inscribed in Phoenician with “Shekel of” and a town’s name.

The weight standards varied from town to twon, and region to region. Judean shekel weights are known for 1, 2, 4, and 8 shekels, where one shekel equals 11.4 grams. The weights were not made solely of bronze; other materials included lead and stone. Scales and weights continued to be used for many centuries after the introduction of coins; a sixth century Byzantine Christian scale weight has Greek markings and a “thanks to God” inscription, invoking the name of god to imply fairness.

David mentioned many features of the coinage struck in the Holy Land, some of which will be briefly noted here. A drachm (quarter of a shekel) issued by the Persian satrapy of Judea bears the inscription Yahud. The image of a bearded man on a winged chariot. Small pure silver pieces of about 8 mm in diameter and about 0.5 grams in weight; 24 of them equal in weight to one shekel. The early Yahud pieces were patterned after the Athenian tetradrachms, the “silver dollar” of the ancient world. Graven images on coins went in and out of fashion over the centuries. David also mentioned some of the good guys and bad guys from the Persian period to the Hellenistic, including bad guy Antiochus IV and good guy Judah Maccabee. Herod the Great ruled after the Maccabees; he had many buildings built including the temple, his family’s tomb, and a number of palaces.

The first coin struck in Jerusalem by a Jewish king was a co-issue with the Persian king Antiochus VII. Design elements included a pomegranate seed, a laurel wreath, and an anchor. One method of making bronze coins used a chalk stone mold. Some issues used Greek and Hebrew legends, with the ruler called a king on the Greek side but a priest on the Hebrew side. Coins of Herod, a client king of Rome, used only Greek legends. The temple dues of ½ shekel per Jewish male per year were paid in the good silver shekels of Tyre. Judea and Galilee were poor and used small, rough coin; the good Tyrean silver coins were not commonly used, so they were obtained from money changers. Jesus was upset with the money changers for their loud and boisterous way of conducting business — it was a bazaar, after all.

David briefly mentioned the sons of Herod who ruled, and concluded with coins of the Bar Kochba rebellion. These coins have the earliest known representation of the facade of Herod’s temple. David considers one of the small hoards discovered there to be the earliest collection of Jewish coins. It contains some coins of Antoninus Pius, Hadrian’s successor, so the hoard can be dated to after Hadrian defeated Bar Kochba. Bar Kochba coins were declared invalid after his defeat, but yet they appear in this hoard along with Roman silver denarii and gold aureii. There is one Jewish bronze coin from each year of the Bar Kochba war. All Bar Kochba coins are struck on Roman coins; one hoard coin was struck on a Judea Capta coin. David cannot help but wonder if the collector included that coin on purpose.

Birthday and Year Joined

October 1	Ron Sirna	2008
October 13	Bernard L. Schwartz	1986
October 14	Joel J. Reznick	1981
October 14	Warren G. Schultz	
October 17	Margo Russell	
October 17	Joseph Boling	2006
October 31	Bruce Bartelt	2008



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Speaker's Wor[l]d

Toned Coins

presented by A. Ron Sirna
to our June 27, 2009 meeting

Ron likes beautifully toned coins, and he is not alone.. Like minded collectors have formed a club named the Toned Coin Collectors Society, with a web site at <http://www.tonedcoins.org/>.

Ron does not recommend cleaning coins — do not do it if you do not know what you are doing. If you really want to clean, the best way to learn is: buy 90% silver coins as bullion, and experiment. Most silver toning results from sulfur, turning the coin black over time. Most copper toning results from oxygen, turning the coin brown over time. A cleaned copper coin will typically be an unnaturally bright red, nothing like the original mint red color.

Many storage methods have resulted in toned coins. The toning look might give a hint as to what caused it. The Wayne Raymond (or National) coin boards were common up through the 1950s, followed by albums; their sulfur content results in toning that “grows” inward, from the rim towards the center. Coins stored in a paper roll would have bright and shiny surfaces except for the rims, and the each end coin would have one side toned. Only paper flips were available, no plastic yet. Morgan dollar toning is a long story.

Most high grade coins available now to collectors were never released into circulation; the US Treasury bagged them, 1,000 of them to a canvas bag, and kept them in vaults. For inventories and audits, just the bags were counted. The bags were available to the public who redeemed silver certificates. In the 1960s and 1970s, you could not sell tarnished coins. The solution: soak them in diluted acid to make bright white, and then rinse with water. Ron said that the equipment was similar to the wire baskets used at restaurants to cook french fries in oil. Improperly rinsed coins would have spots.

Why are there different colors of toning? Ron tried to briefly explain Thin Film Interference. Consider a thin film of oil on top of water; the wavelength of the reflected light is related to the thickness of the oil, so that varying colors indicate a varying thickness to the oil film. To everyone's great relief, Ron wisely avoided delving into the math. The same physics applies for any tarnish layer that forms on metal. Heat accelerates the process, as when taking a blow torch to a copper plate.

Not all toning is “natural”, however that term is understood. It can be accelerated with heat or the presence of added materials; a number of pages of Sheldon's

Penny Whimsy work on large cents goes into ways of trying to retone cleaned copper coins. It is almost impossible to return cleaned copper to a nice brown.

Why tone a coin? Typically to hide blemishes and fine scratches. A type of vicious circle: a coin was cleaned because the owner did not like the toning, fine scratches were introduced during a rough cleaning process, so now the coin will be retoned to hide the fine scratches. Or maybe the gentlest of cleaning revealed scratches that were hidden by the toning. The cleanings mentioned in this talk described chemical reactions with the metal of the coin; it does not refer to the removal of foreign substances that are merely “on” the coin.

Artificial toning and natural toning. It is very hard to tell the difference from a picture; there are just too many photo editors out there. And a beautiful coin can take an ugly picture. Album toning is easy to replicate — just put the coin into an album and heat.

Although a sharp edge to an area of toning might indicate doctoring, it could result naturally. Ron showed some coins that had been covered by parts of other coins during storage, resulting in crescents and untuned circles. The “white shadow” on the outside of a star on a bust half was mentioned; it appears that metal hardening (or some other effect) arising from metal flow slows the toning rate.

Ron has seen many red/brown copper coins in slabs that say red; he suspects that the insert is the cause. He feels strongly that toning within a slab does occur with copper. After his talk, he was at the club’s table on the bourse floor to show his toned coins and to look at toned coins brought to the show.

Our 1089th Meeting

Date: September 9, 2009

Time: 6:45 PM

Location: Downtown Chicago

At the Chicago Bar Association, 321 S. Plymouth Court, 3rd floor meeting room. *Please remember the security measures at our meeting building: everyone must show their photo-ID and register at the guard’s desk.* A few blocks west of the CBA building is the Ceres Restaurant (enter the Board of Trade building from Jackson at LaSalle, then enter the restaurant from the lobby) with standard sandwiches, burgers, and salads for members who want to meet for dinner.

Featured speaker: Curtis Clay — *The Sun God Elagabalus on the Roman Coins of the Emperor Elagabalus*

Donald Valenziano, Jr.

1952-2009

Donald Valenziano, Jr. suddenly passed away August 1 from complications after hip surgery.

He was member 947 and joined the Chicago Coin Club April 1982. Don served as Editor of the *Chatter* 1984-88 and regularly attended meetings until moving to Long Island, NY in 1988. He moved to Houston, Texas in 2000 then returned to Chicago 3 years ago.

Don collected 1893 Columbian Exposition medals and U.S. half cents by die variety. Following employment in the rent-a-car industry, Don became a full-time coin dealer in 1986. He was a common feature at coin shows and sold on E-Bay.

Don was born April 27, 1952 in Omaha, Nebraska. The family moved to Minneapolis-St. Paul to be near the Shriner's Hospital where Don received treatment for cerebral palsy. Don's father was a coin collector and commonly searched coin rolls looking for additions to his collection. Don grew curious, began to help and was soon hooked. He graduated from North St. Paul High School where he met Shirley, his future wife. He went on to graduate from Mankato State College.

Don had an outgoing personality and enjoyed the social interaction at coin club meetings and coin shows. He valued friendships and family. When his niece Patty tragically lost her parents, Don and Shirley took her into their home and gave her the love and support of a daughter.

Don was an officer in the Early American Copper club, a past-president of the Morton Grove Coin Club, held memberships in American Numismatic Association, American Numismatic Society, Central States Numismatic Society, Colonial Coin Club, Illinois Numismatic Association, Michigan State Numismatic Society and Houston Coin Club

Don is survived by Shirley, his wife of 36 years, daughter Patty Fagan, two grandchildren, his parents, 4 sisters and a brother who returned from National Guard deployment in Iraq to attend the funeral.

The visitation and funeral were held at the Kurtz Memorial Chapel and St. Jude's Catholic Church, both of New Lenox, Illinois.

Respectfully Submitted,
Carl Wolf, Secretary

Speaker's Wor[l]d

Odd Denomination Currency

presented by Robert Feiler
to our August 12, 2009 meeting

Bob started by mentioning that the closest thing to an authoritative reference in this area is by Roger Durand; unfortunately it is out of print. Bob handed out copies of some of its pages; detailing types of paper used as money, as well as relative rarity ratings for about 80 denominations from 1 mill (one-thousandth of a dollar) to \$100,000.

Our modern daily transactions are conducted with six different coinage denominations: 1¢, 5¢, 10¢, 25¢, 50¢, and very occasionally the newer Presidential dollar coins. The seven different currency denominations are: \$1, \$2, \$5, \$10, \$20, \$50 and \$100 bills. The brief answer to the question, "Why do we have the crazy denominations?" is, "Out of necessity."

Bob reviewed how different needs were satisfied during different periods of the nation's history. Certain foreign monies were legal tender throughout the U.S. until Congress ended their legal tender status in 1857. At that time, the Mint accepted any Spanish or Mexican coins at the rate of 25¢, 12½¢, and 6¼¢ for 2, 1 and half-reales coins, regardless of wear. (Therefore, we should not be surprised that private notes appeared in denominations of 12½¢, and 6¼¢.) In the early days, the same thing happened on a local scale around some immigrant communities, where the money from their country of origin was used in daily commerce. Where the British shilling, worth about 16¢ US, was common, one might also find notes with a 16¢ denomination.

Of the shown items, the 100¢ note raised the most questions. Originally intended as a \$100 note, it only had the 100, without the dollar sign, when it was printed; it was never issued in that form. Paper in the mid 19th century was commonly reused if the need was great; when a one dollar note was needed, these pieces were overprinted in red with the word CENTS below the 100, and ONE DOLLAR elsewhere.

The current \$500 and \$1,000 bills started to be withdrawn from circulation in the early 1960s due to concerns over drug trafficking and illegal money laundering. These large denomination bills are still legal tender and are available through coin and currency dealers for a premium over their face value. In the era before Electronic Fund Transfers, large denomination bills such as the \$2,000, \$3,000, \$5,000, \$10,000 and \$100,000 bills made transactions between banks easier.

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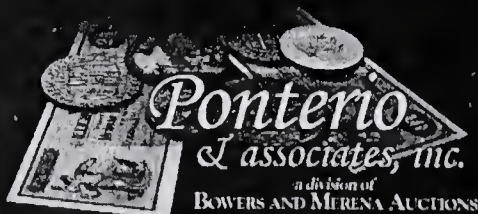
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and 17 denominations of paper money. These 35 denominations were all thought necessary at their time of issue. About one hundred recorded non-government issued denominations of paper money were in use at one time or another from 1780 to around 1920. It is an even greater number if you include Colonial currency and local issuers of merchant scrip.

Private businesses, banks, railroads, insurance companies and others would select vignettes pertaining to their locale or special interests. These images might include agriculture, horses, dogs, children, nature, manufacturing, allegorical or patriotic figures, or even Santa Claus. Laws governing the issue of paper currency were either vague or non-existent. Merchants issued thousands of types of scrip. If a shop keeper had a particular need for a certain denomination to make change and specie was scarce, he would have the denomination printed.

Banks and private issuers in the east were usually considered more stable and their currency was fairly well accepted but eventually, as they failed, all bank notes became suspect. The notes were discounted more heavily the farther they travelled from the location of issue. Merchant scrip was suspect even though it typically did not circulate very far from the issuer.

The challenge of collecting odd denominations lies in how many different denominations can be acquired; it is complete whenever you want to go no farther. A collection like this is never really complete because new notes and denominations are still being reported. After acquiring about fifty notes, adding a new denomination it will be a challenge. You need a little luck and a lot of patience, and be in the right place at the right time.

Bob concluded by quickly showing some of the more than 80 denominations in his collection that has been assembled over 20 years.

ANA Trip Reports

John Riley reports:

Sadly, during the trip to the ANA show in Los Angeles I was not approached by movie agents to star in the next Hollywood blockbuster nor mistaken at any point for Tom Cruise. So I put the best face on things and had a great time manning a table for the Philippine Collectors Group and helping coordinate their annual meeting on Friday, August 7. With some luck, a talk I gave on the great Manila Bay silver dump of WWII (to avoid enemy capture) will soon make its way into print in one of the coin periodicals.

Our group held a small dinner afterwards at “The Pantry,” a nearby diner that has been in operation at 9th and Figueroa Streets since 1927. Shortly after arriving, Chet Krause and Cliff Mishler took an adjacent table and we enjoyed including them in on our conversation. Particularly since Cliff is a member of the CCC, I had been looking for him to congratulate him on his election to the ANA presidency and I wanted to give him a stickered half-dollar from 1979 that I had recently come across. I was aware that Cliff collected these and thought this might be the most modern example encountered. Cliff was gracious and assured me it was not — they apparently still serve in many places today as advertising pieces.

I considered it a great show as usual due to the fellowship of my particular society, the new “converts” met, bumping into a few CCC members (including Numismatist of the Year Tom DeLorey — yeah!) and a lively bourse. There will, however, doubtless be complaints about the show for many reasons: 1. central downtown Los Angeles is not considered a safe by area residents. I don’t recall being warned so frequently about not wearing the badge off the floor, walking alone, not going out after dark, etc. 2. The current state of the economy had an adverse effect on sales to collectors and dealers alike — there was disappointment in a smaller corps of bourse dealers, and 3. Attendance was further compromised by a (new) \$6 fee for non-members to enter. The *Los Angeles Times* ran a small article about the show in the Friday morning edition that read to me as a “gripe” about sharp-eyed dealers profiteering from the poor attendee who has to fight traffic, pay to park, etc. just to get to the show. There was no similar article about the good people paying to park and attend the Jonas Brothers concert next door at Staples Center! Waaah.

Suppose it is all in the eye of the beholder. I for one will certainly be back to the show!

Paul Hybert reports:

Amtrak was to arrive at 8:15 in downtown LA, giving me plenty of time to get to the convention center for the 10 AM start of PNG Day; I finally entered at 1 PM. My first time in California started nicely — Amtrak arrived so early that I took

the subway to my hotel and was at the convention center by the train's scheduled arrival time! Time to grab a program and make my plans. *Where are the programs?* Oh, they are the middle pages of the 13th issue of *The Numismatist* this year. A 9 AM seminar on counterfeit coins from China sounds interesting — get some details, think about it, and then register and pay with a few minutes to spare. *My best decision of the show.*

Beth Deishler's two sessions (Tuesday morning and Wednesday afternoon) on counterfeits started with the poor stuff, similar to what Tom DeLorey had shown at the September, 2008 ILNA show: bad design, bad size, bad weight, and bad metal. We saw better quality as the class progressed, and the last exercise involved six Morgan dollars: five recently arrived from China and one real, all of good metal, size, and weight. One or two in the class knew the diagnostics for the 1894, 1893-S, 1889-CC, and 1879-CC; most of us just grasped for clues among the strike, scratches, and look. We failed. David Sundman and David Bowers dropped by to try the exercise. Their smiles and nervous joking stopped when handed the pieces, and they quickly asked for glasses. After they identified the good coin, they talked about sending their staff to the next class. *Next summer at Summer Seminar?* Too long of a wait. *How about offering it next month at the show in Philadelphia?*

The bourse activity was subdued but steady; the dealers seemed resigned to slow business as a reflection of the weak economy. Only a few clunkers amid the talks and club meetings; there is nothing like an engaging speaker sharing knowledge with an attentive audience. The biggest disappointment was the lack of used book sellers; only John Burns was listed in the program, but he cancelled due to illness. Between the meetings, finally visited all the bourse tables and exhibit area. Revisited a few tables repeatedly while working on purchases, and visited Bob Leonard at the ANS table to exchange stories and kick around ideas for ANA 2011 in Chicago. I saw two of the Mint Reports I need in a case at Fred Weinberg's table; only a few dealers exhibit material at their tables, so these are not for sale. But wait, these are duplicates, so ... not sure what happened ... but I still need those reports. Have to get out more, and work on my social skills, before the next ANA in Boston.

This big-city boy had no problems in LA, even on some of my circuitous paths to the convention center. Usually I did not go out at night, being too busy reviewing that day's actions and planning for the next day. During one evening munchy run on the streets of LA, I walked up behind Bob Leonard and his wife without surprising them. Or did I? Where are the other trip reports?

Show and Tell

Items shown at our August 12, 2009 meeting.

1. **David Gumm** showed a US \$20 gold certificate, from the 1928 series.
2. **Eugene Freeman** started with some pieces from Mexican revolutions:
 - An 1812 half real from the National Congress.
 - Acquired at the recent Missouri State show, an 1814 2 reales from the National Congress.
 - A 1914 1 peso from Durango; the legend includes *Muera Huerta*. There was a time and place where anyone having such a piece would have been executed on the spot.
 - An 1892 2 paisa from the Indian state of Boroda. The date, in sanskrit, contains an overdate: 1949/4.
3. **Jason Freeman** showed a recent gift: a 2002 10 zloty coin from Poland. A drop of amber is embedded at the center of each side of this sport-themed piece.
4. **Gerard Anaszewicz** showed two copper pieces:
 - A 1744 4 daler from Sweden. This example of plate money was recovered from the *Nicobar* wreck. For a number of years after the recovery, the number of pieces on the market was greatly increased.
 - A 1716 1 daler that is also dated 1718. The reverse bears a stamp with three crowns and the new date that was applied after the pieces were recalled. This piece has the appearance typical of a piece that was not recovered from the *Nicobar*.
5. **Don Dool** started with the three “rail splitter” Lincoln Cents he received in change today. The main exhibit was his 53-piece set of *kipper* era coins that he has been assembling. Before he passed around the set, he showed us the latest addition: a 1622 3 pfennig from Mecklenburg Schwerin, issued by Adolf Frederick.
6. **Ivan Thompson** showed a one Grand Cayman dollar note. This was one of five pieces found while snorkeling at the island; they and a cigar were in the pocket of some trousers on the ocean floor!
7. **Robert Leonard** showed late 12th century pieces from Norman Sicily, acquired at the ANA convention:
 - A copper trifollaro of William II with a lion head obverse and palm tree reverse
 - A copper follaro of William II that weighs only one-sixth that of the above piece. the king's name appears in Arabic.
 - Cut quarter pieces of a trifollaro, not all from the same coin. catalogs do not mention cut copper coins from this era, just cut gold coins.
 - A silver tari of William I with his name in Arabic. This piece weighs one gram, and these pieces passed by weight.

- Two cut half pieces of a tari of Roger II.
8. **Richard Lipman** showed a range of items:
- From the ANA convention, some CCC 1961 Fall Festival elongated coins.
 - A broken, folded over zinc Lincoln Cent found in the street; giving a great view of the zinc core in the current cents.
 - A 2 shekel commemorative from Israel bearing the *the wolf shall well with the lamb* verse.
 - Richard concluded with a short reading from *One Cent, Two Cents, Old Cent, New Cent*, one of the Cat in the Hat books.
9. **Mark Wieclaw** has accumulated many Canadian quarters over the years. What to do with them? Take \$125 dollars of them on a trip to Canada for a canoe outing; spent mostly in Tim Hortons (a coffee shop chain) along the way. He exhibited:
- A 10 ounce bar of .9995 fine palladium.
 - A .999 fine one ounce Obama 2008 silver round. Need more? Then he showed a cardboard blister pack sheet with 25 of them.
 - An ashtray with three bent half dinero silver coins as the cigarette holders; 2 dated 1916 and 1 dated 1897.
10. **Marc Stackler** showed pieces from Toluca, a state of Mexico (around Mexico City):
- A 1906 20 centavo on a 1 centavo; the original dies were modified.
 - A 40 centavo on a 2 centavo also is known.
 - A 1915 cardboard 5 centavo from the revolution.
11. **Zoujun Dai** showed a range of pieces:
- A 1986 100 franc piedfort from France for the centennial of the Statue of Liberty.
 - An 1892 1 rupee from the Indian princely state of Bikanir. Empress Victoria appears on this piece, one of only a few with some English text.
 - A 1923 5 gulden from Danzig, featuring the Marienkirche.
 - A 1977 2½ centesimos of Panama featuring Victoriano Lorenzo. This is one of the smallest modern coins.
12. **Robert Weinstein** showed a range of items:
- A 1987 square 60 baht note, issued for the king's 60th birthday.
 - A 1987 proof oversized bullion piece issued for the king's birthday. It uses a 1732 Mexican pillar dollar design with two counterstamps, the same stamps as used on Thai bullet money: one symbol for the dynasty and the other for the king. The originals are known struck on only one year of Mexican pillar dollars.
 - A bronze ¼ unit of Indo-Scythian king Azilises; from the 70-35 BC era in northern India. The king on horseback appears on the obverse, and a bull appears on the reverse. Although there is room for his full title, only a shortened version appears.
 - A silver tetradrachm of the same king, with the king on horseback but with a whip instead of the usual spear. Two standing figures

appear on the reverse of this piece struck from worn dies.

- A bronze eighth-unit of Indo-Scythian king Azes. A bull appears on the obverse and a lion on the reverse. This small copper coin is possibly unique; the full-, half-, and quarter-unit pieces were shown some months ago.
13. **Bill Burd** showed a large, unusual-sized book, *Medals & Medallions Relating to Architects* by Robert James Eidlitz; copy 6 of 150 copies, and one of 10 special bound in morocco for presentation. This 1927 book has 190 pages with 125 plates describing 1145 pieces. Eidlitz' firm built the New York Federal Reserve building and the New York Stock Exchange building. Most pieces are from the author's own collection, which was donated to the ANS.
 14. **Carl Wolf** showed a display built around an illustrated check from E.S Wells, issued on August 20, 1914 by his trustee, about a year after his death. The company produced Toilet, Pharmaceutical, and Household Specialties; maybe the best known was a product named "Rough on Rats". The advertising text and images were definitely from another era — it is absolutely amazing what information people have put on the Internet!
 15. To complement his featured presentation, **Bob Feiler** showed obsolete notes with a range of interesting vignettes, legends, or markings:
 - A dog with a key under its paw, guarding a safe.
 - Flying creatures such as cherubs and maidens.
 - A US Liberty Seated dollar.
 - Slaves and agricultural scenes.
 - Manufacturing and foundry scenes.

There are many ways to collect this material!

16. **Marc Ricard** showed a 1945-1946 FPL (fixed price list) from Stack's. In addition to prices, this hardbound item has photos of:
 - A 1945 street view of the store.
 - A cubicle for customer viewing of coins.
 - A hall of cabinets.
 - The Stack's reference library. (Marc mentioned that George Kolbe will auction the books that the brothers took when they left Stack's. Dave Bowers' reference library will be sold by David Sklow of Colorado Springs.)

And of course, look at those coin prices!

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Minutes of the 1089th Meeting

The 1089th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was held September 9, 2009 in the Chicago Bar Association Building, 321 S. Plymouth Court, Downtown Chicago. President Jeffrey Rosinia called the meeting to order at 6:45 PM with 15 members and 1 guest, Curtis Clay, in attendance.

The August Minutes printed in the *Chatter* were approved as published. Treasurer Steve Zitowsky reported August receipts \$14.16, expenses \$331.04 and total income -\$316.88, leaving total assets of \$15,638.70 which is in Life Memberships \$2,390.00 and Members' Equity \$13,248.70. He announced \$250 in the expense column was a reservation deposit for the December 9th Holiday Banquet at Marcello's Restaurant, 645 W. North Ave., Chicago, IL.

Following the second reading of Ivan Thompson's application for junior membership a motion was passed accepting him into membership.

Second V.P. Elliot Krieter introduced the featured speaker Curtis Clay, who delivered a presentation *The Sun God Elagabalus on Roman Coins of the Emperor Elagabalus*.

Elliot Krieter introduced the evening's 6 exhibitors. CARL WOLF: framed Hebron trade beads; EUGENE FREEMAN: 5, 25 & 50 cent tokens from Mt. Carmel Center, Waco, TX; ROBERT FEILER: 1871 \$1 & \$2 certificates of indebtedness from Little Rock, AR, 1901 Kaiser Wilhelm II medal, 1925 Norse American medals and 1956 San Francisco silver bar; RICHARD LIPMAN: 1862/1 U.S. silver 3-cent piece, 1881 U.S. nickel 3-cent piece and a Chelm medal dedicated to Jewish folk tales; MARC RICARD: early & recent coin auction catalogs; and ROBERT LEONARD: books purchased while attending the recent International Numismatic Conference in Scotland and an ANS Magazine of book reviews.

Under old business President Rosinia led a general discussion on starting the meeting 15 minutes earlier than usual. Carl Wolf showed an epoxy proof of the Club's new speaker and award medal modeled after the Standing Lincoln medal issued for the 90th Anniversary. After several questions a motion was passed authorizing the mint to proceed with production. Robert Leonard, General

Chairman of the 2011 ANA Convention, reported he will begin meeting with members soon. He also announced the sale of 3 Club souvenir cards for a total of \$15 while attending the ANA convention in Los Angeles. A question was asked concerning the length of exhibits and a discussion followed.

Under new business it was announced that member Kevin Foley is no longer the coordinator of the Chicago Paper Money Exposition (CPMX), Chicago International Coin Fair (CICF) and the MidAmerica Coin Expo. Carl Wolf announced officials at Krause Publications, Iola, WI assured the Club they intend to honor the long-standing tradition of providing a complimentary information table on the bourse floor and meeting room. This led to a number of questions and comments on the history of these shows and how they changed over the years.

Adjournment was at 8:50 PM with the next meeting to be held at 6:45 PM on Wednesday October 14th.

Respectfully Submitted,
Carl Wolf, Secretary

Important Dates

- October 14** CCC Meeting - Featured Speaker - Robert Kool, Senior Curator, Coin Department, Israel Antiquities Authority, on *Coins Recently Excavated at Crusader Castle Vadum Iacob*
- November 11** CCC Meeting - Club Auction - no featured speaker
- December 9** CCC Meeting - Annual Banquet - Featured Speaker - Dr. Jennifer Tobin on *The Coinage of Mithrapata of Lycia: Evidence of Dynastic Struggles in the Fourth Century B.C.*
- January 13** CCC Meeting - Featured Speaker - Paul Johnson on *Canadian Colonial Tokens*

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Speaker's Wor[l]d

The Sun God Elagabalus on the Roman Coins of the Emperor Elagabalus

presented by Curtis Clay
to our September 9, 2009 meeting

The 4-year reign of Elagabalus as Roman emperor provides a range of information to analyze. In his presentation, Curtis showed the information that he used in chronologically arranging the undated coins among the dated coins of this emperor. He started by distributing a 4-page handout that detailed hoard makeup, quoted from some ancient histories, and included images of some of the mentioned coins. With texts from the ancient world so few and fragmented that all of them would fit into a small room, all sources of information should be used — coins do not just illustrate history, they also document history.

Curtis explained that the three main histories covering Elagabalus are not equally reliable. Dio Cassius provides good reporting — he was a Senator and tells what happened. Unfortunately, the original did not survive an 11th century editing job (if we can even call it that) that consisted mainly of keeping one paragraph and dropping the next few. Herodian was a later Greek who was not interested in facts — he liked to dramatize events and make a story. The *Life of Elagabalus* is part of the later *Historia Augusta* which also invented stuff. What seems clear is that Emperor Macrinus was not popular with the army, and that some group in 218 put forward a 14-year-old priest of the local sun god Elagabalus, claiming he was the son of an earlier emperor, Caracalla. And it worked!

Travelling with his army, he took the sacred stone of Elagabalus with him from Emesa to Rome, and some of his early coins have a reverse showing the stone being transported in a chariot. Other legends imply his arrival in Rome. The indication of such events is one aid in determining when a coin was issued. Another aid is the length of the legend — the legends on the dated coins became more heavily abbreviated over time. When an emperor was new, the tendency was to be more explicit with the legend, but abbreviations were more used as everyone knew what was supposed to say. The early **PONTIF MAX TR P** legend became **P M TR P COS P P** during his first year, changing to **P M TR P II COS II P P** during his second year — note that the Romans showed a 2 by **II**. Those coins, along with later coins showing years **III**, **IIII**, and **V**, provide a dated framework upon which Curtis tries to place the undated coins. About one fifth of this emperor's coins are dated. Although year one of a reign started when he became emperor, year two and successive years started with the beginning of the next calendar year.

A star, representing the sun god Elagabalus, first appeared on the reverse of coins

in 220. On those coins, the emperor appears on the reverse, at an altar, making a sacrifice to his god. Since the star represents the sun god, it must be in front of the emperor. A few dies from each of the following years have the star behind the emperor, and some dies have that misplaced star eradicated and entered in the correct position; Curtis mentioned these could be the first dies from a new batch, after the engravers had forgotten the significance and correct position of the star.

Although the Romans generally accepted foreign gods into their pantheon, the placement of Elagabalus above even Jupiter offended Romans. Legends such as **SVMMVS SACERDOS AVG** (*The Augustus, Highest Priest*) and **SACERD DEI SOLIS ELAGAB** (*Priest of the Sun God Elagabalus*) reinforced the message. The emperor appeared in Syrian priestly robes on the reverse of some coins, and some obverses show him wearing a wreath on his head; there was a protuberance extending forward from the front of the wreath. A horn? A gem? The significance is still debated.

The emperor appeared as a priest of the sun god during all of 221. He married the chief priestess of Rome (one of the vestal virgins); he regretted adopting his cousin and naming him Caesar, so he tried to have him killed. Maybe the removal of the star and the wreath's protuberance was an attempt at being less excessive, but it did not work — the emperor and his mother were killed in 222.

Curtis' handout shows a medal of the emperor; the reverse has four priests in a temple on Palatine Hill. The handout also shows a line drawing of a coin from his cousin, issued four years later; it appears that Jupiter the avenger is alone in that same temple. A hoard discovered in 1929 resulted in 80,000 coins from Nero to the year 240 being distributed to various museums. While some catalogs have alphabetic listings of the legends on the undated coins, Curtis has tried to determine the chronological order of the legends. In addition to the methods described above, the numbers of occurrences of each type within that hoard have helped Curtis in forming his conclusions.

One final note to anyone ready to go out and start collecting coins in the name of the Emperor Elagabalus. There are none — he did not use that name. He adopted the fine old name of Antoninus Pius, and that is the name used on his coins. Modern historians refer to this emperor as Elagabalus.

Our 1090th Meeting

Date: October 14, 2009

Time: 6:45 PM

Location: Downtown Chicago

At the Chicago Bar Association, 321 S. Plymouth Court, 3rd floor meeting room. *Please remember the security measures at our meeting building: everyone must show their photo-ID and register at the guard's desk.* A few blocks west of the CBA building is the Ceres Restaurant (enter the Board of Trade building from Jackson at LaSalle, then enter the restaurant from the lobby) with standard sandwiches, burgers, and salads for members who want to meet for dinner.

Featured speaker: Robert Kool, Senior Curator, Coin Department, Israel Antiquities Authority — *Coins Recently Excavated at Crusader Castle Vadum Iacob*

The Crusader castle of Vadum Iacob (Jacob's Ford) was built by the Knights Templar and destroyed within eleven months (Oct 1178 AD – Aug 1179 AD). The final attack, under the command of Saladin himself, left 800 crusaders dead and 700 taken prisoner. According to Muslim and Latin chronicles the castle was leveled and permanently abandoned within days. Over eight hundred years later archeologists excavated the site. Due to the castle's history, every item found can be accurately dated. Among the material uncovered are coins which Robert Kool has examined. Although his findings are yet unpublished, he identified coins previously thought minted after 1179 AD. Be sure to attend this meeting. Come hear the fascinating story of the Vadum Iacob, its destruction, excavation and the numismatic history it is slowly revealing. For more information, go to <http://vadumiacob.huji.ac.il> and read about this research project, view photographs and computer reconstructions of the castle and its last days.

Call for Club Auction Lots

November 11, 2009

The club auction is scheduled for 7PM, at the start of the regular November club meeting. We already have a large consignment of numismatic literature from the Chet Poderski estate. In the past few years, club related material (and Chicago area numismatic items) have had the best results. Some printed material also has shown good results. Please consider using the club auction to dispose of the numismatic items you no longer need.

You can place a reserve on each lot, and there is no commission charged to either the buyer or seller. Auction lot viewing will be held before the meeting starts, and again briefly before the auction starts.

The November *Chatter* will contain a list of all auction lots that are known to us by Tuesday, October 27. You can either e-mail your list to Paul Hybert by Tuesday, October 27 if you plan to bring your lots with you to the November meeting; or you can ship your items to Bill Burd by Tuesday, October 27.

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Papers of Interest, and a Catalogue of Rare
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~Sceattas; An Illustrated Guide by Tony Abramson

~The Ultimate Guide to Attributing Bust Half Dollars
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~West Virginia Merchant Tokens by David E. Schenkman

~Corpus Numismaticum Omnium Romanorum Pontificum,
Volume III by Adolfo Modesti

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Volume IV by Adolfo Modesti

Show and Tell

Items shown at our September 9, 2009 meeting.

1. **Carl Wolf** showed his framed exhibit of Hebron beads which are still used in Sudan. The fracturing of these glass beads can be traced to their manufacture using water from the Dead Sea. Made hundreds of years ago, they were originally round; their current oval shape resulted from their being polished while in Nigeria. Their use in Sudan started in the 1950s. They can be yellow, green, or blue.
2. **Eugene Freeman** is originally from Texas — Corsicana, which is about 50 miles east of Waco. He showed the 5¢, 25¢, and 50¢ pieces from the 1938 set of round cardboard tokens from the Mt. Carmel Center (near Waco), which had been founded in 1935 by the Branch Davidian off-shoot group from the Seventh Day Adventists. A further off-shoot from the Branch Davidians was led by David Koresh, and they established their own 70-acre compound on the other side of Waco; that newer compound was the site of the fatal 1993 standoff with US officers.
3. **Bob Feiler** showed a range of items:

A week earlier, the family of a friend found something round and metallic, and asked Bob to identify it. The result so far is a medal featuring Kaiser Wilhelm II, with the dates 1701-1901 mostly likely indicating that it was issued for a 200th anniversary. Further translation and research efforts are needed.

His brother recently sent him Certificates of Indebtedness from Little Rock, Arkansas. Dated 1871, the ratty \$2 and \$1 are rare but not very expensive as no one collects them.

Thick and thin examples of the 1925 Norse American 100th anniversary medals; this was almost issued as a commemorative coin.

A 22.22 ounce 999.75 fine silver bar date stamped 1956, from the San Francisco Mint. Very similar in appearance to a 23.39 ounce example in the upcoming *Philadelphia Americana* auction catalog.
4. **Richard Lipman** showed some recent acquisitions:

An 1862/1 US silver 3¢ coin. The mintages dwindled in subsequent years, until only proofs were struck in their last years.

An 1881 US copper-nickel 3¢ coin, graded Proof-66 by PCGS.

A coin from the Jewish Folklore series from the Israel Coin and Medals Corporation. This shows the *Wise Men of Chelm* collecting light for use at night.
5. **Marc Ricard** showed old and recent auction catalogs:

From Bangs & Co., now with a library binding, their June 27-29, 1883 catalog of Crosby's Colonial and early US coins. No plates were issued with this catalog — the plate numbers refer to Crosby's

book. Haseltine was the cataloger, and this copy has prices realized hand printed by clerks of Haseltine. A unique 1785 Confederation copper went for \$60.00, and, according to the tally on the last few blank pages, the total proceeds from this three-day sale was \$5,897.62.

- A Stacks & Goldbergs catalog of separate collections of Hawaiian coins and California gold coins, for an auction just two days earlier, has fine coin photographs on glossy paper.

6. **Robert Leonard** mostly showed books acquired while at the recent International Numismatic Congress held in Glasgow:

- o The 2002-2007 survey of numismatic research, published in 2009.
- o The 2007 *Bronze Coinage of the Achaian Koinon, The Currency of a Federal Ideal* by Jennifer A.W. Warren. One of the illustrated coins is from Bob's collection, and he is listed among the credits.
- o The actual coin that appears in the above book — as #326; Bob showed it next to the pictures in the book. This very scarce coin is in poor condition, but these bronze coins are much scarcer than the contemporary silver coins.
- The 2009 *Late Byzantine Coins in the Ashmolean Museum 1204-1453*, by Lianta and published by Spinks. This is a great book — better than the Dumbarton Oaks catalog, and at only £50 UK.
- o Vlack's 2004 illustrated catalog of French billon, obtained for only £5, so it might be remaindered now.

Birthday and Year Joined

November	2	Alexander Basok	1998
November	3	John Riley	2004
November	5	Phyllis Johnson	1987
November	8	Brian A. Heil	1981
November	9	Eric Schmidt	2007
November	17	Dale Lukanich	2009
November	24	Jeffrey F. Bernberg	1975
November	27	Robert Feiler	1994
November	28	Katherine Lawrence	2009

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Minutes of the 1090th Meeting

The 1090th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was held October 14, 2009 in the Chicago Bar Association Building, 321 S. Plymouth Court, Downtown Chicago. President Jeffrey Rosinia called the meeting to order at 6:45 PM with an attendance of 24 members and 5 guests, Curtis Clay, Martin Aguilera, Syed Yousef, Teresa Thompson and Louis Sands.

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Martin Aguilera and Syed Yousef submitted applications for membership which received first reading.

President Rosinia introduced the featured speaker Robert Kool who delivered a program *Coins Recently Excavated at Crusader Castle Vadum Iacob*. Following a question-and-answer period President Rosinia presented Mr. Kool with an ANA Educational Certificate and an engraved Club medal. Mr. Kool, Senior Curator in the Coin Department from the Israel Antiquities Authority, was in Chicago participating in a DePaul University symposium dealing with the Crusades. A warm round of applause was given to Club member Dr. Warren Schultz, Professor of History, who organized the DePaul event and secured Mr. Kool as the evening's speaker. Curtis Clay was also presented with a speaking certificate and medal for his September presentation.

Ten members presented exhibits. ROBERT LEONARD: two Crusader deniers and three books dealing with primitive money. DONALD DOOL: four 19th century bronze coins from Mexico & S. America. MARK WIECLAW: eight piece 1967 Haitian proof set, a Mexican 5-peso cut-out, Lincoln cent souvenir from Illinois Numismatic Association convention & a .999 silver medallion from Lionsixx. DAVID GUMM: U.S. 1809 half-cent & Q. David Bower's book *The Strange Career of Dr. Wilkins*. RICHARD LIPMAN: Hershey Chocolates medallion. ZOUJUN DAI: 3 & 5 kopejeks from Tannu Tuva. ROBERT

WEINSTEIN: silver drachm of Indo-Greek King Antaialkidas from 135-125 B.C.
NICK WEISS: Byzantine coins found in an antique store. WARREN SCHULTZ:
book *History of Modern Israeli Coins* with dated inserts. CARL WOLF: framed
amber trade beads.

Under old business Robert Leonard, General Chairman of the 2011 ANA
Convention, reported the appointments of Mark Wieclaw as Assistant Chairman
and Paul Hybert as Exhibits' Chairman. It was announced that the November
program will be an auction that promises to be large. Arrangements made for a
larger room will probably move the meeting to the fourth floor. There will be a
large number of books so members were encouraged to bring extra tote bags.
Members did not want to reschedule the November 11th meeting when President
Rosinia announced that second Wednesday meeting coincides with Veteran's
Day.

The December 9 meeting will be the Annual Banquet at Marcello's Restaurant,
645 W. North Ave., Chicago. A motion was passed to charge \$35.00 per person.
A call was made for donations to cover pre-dinner appetizers.

Adjournment was at 8:50 PM with the next meeting to be held at 6:45 PM on
Wednesday November 11th with the annual auction as the program.

Respectfully Submitted,
Carl Wolf, Secretary

Important Dates

November 11 CCC Meeting - Club Auction - no featured speaker

December 9 CCC Meeting - Annual Banquet - Featured Speaker - Dr. Jennifer
Tobin on *The Coinage of Mithrapata of Lycia: Evidence of
Dynastic Struggles in the Fourth Century B.C.*

January 13 CCC Meeting - Featured Speaker - Paul Johnson on *Canadian
Colonial Tokens*

Volunteer Opportunities for 2011 ANA World's Fair of Money®

Robert D. Leonard Jr.

It is heartening to see the enthusiasm expressed by members of the Chicago Coin Club to host the premier event in American numismatics — the ANA World's Fair of Money — in Rosemont in 2011. Everyone is eager to show the hobby what a great club we have, and to make the 2011 ANA convention the best ever!

There are many opportunities to make your mark, as chairman or co-chairman, if you have the time, or as a committee member and helper at the convention itself. Available chairmanships are listed below. Note that every appointed chairman must be a member of the ANA.

Honorary General Chairman — open (to be discussed by the committee chairs)

General Chairman — Bob Leonard

Assistant General Chairman — Mark Wieclaw

ANA Ambassadors (“Registration”) Chairman — open

Numismatic Theatre Chairman — open

Numismatic Theatre Assistant Chairman — open

Pages Chairman — open

Collector Gallery (Exhibits) Chairman — Paul Hybert

Collector Gallery (Exhibits) Assistant Chairman — open

Scout Workshops Chairman — open

Scout Workshops Assistant Chairman — open

Activities Chairman — open

Patron Chairman — open

Medal Chairman — open

Outreach/Local Transportation Chairman — open

Branding (“Gear”) Chairman — open

Noncompetitive Exhibits Chairman — open

Chicago Volunteers Manager (“Volunteers Chairman”) — open

While I have shown the committees as having a Chairman and an Assistant Chairman, the recent Milwaukee convention used two Co-Chairman positions for those requiring more than one person, and in their opinion it worked out well. I don't believe that this experiment has been repeated for later conventions, but am willing to leave this decision to the members of each committee.

In years past, the Registration committee had a lot of work to do in ensuring that each attendee had the proper materials ordered and received the correct badge and ribbons. This function has now been taken over by national volunteers and ANA paid staff, which is certainly an improvement because there is no learning curve

for the local people. New in 2009 is the charging of admission to non-ANA members. There were a few rough edges at the Los Angeles convention, where this concept was launched, but I'm sure that the ANA will have everything running smoothly by 2011.

The result of this change is that the old "Registration" committee now has the responsibility of identifying and greeting all public attendees and directing them to the appropriate booth: ANA members who preregistered, ANA members who did not preregister, non-ANA members who must pay admission or join the ANA, and non-ANA members entitled to free admission (Scout and school groups only). They are now ambassadors for the American Numismatic Association, directing visitors to the show entrance from the parking lot and Stevens Center entrances, pointing out the correct booth to obtain a badge, and responding to questions about admissions, show hours, location of exhibits, etc. One or two ANA Ambassadors will be stationed inside the bourse area itself, to assist anyone who seems confused. This will be a big committee, maybe 20 people or more, to ensure that at least three people are available at the entrance at all times. Members of this committee will be the face of the ANA to the general public, and their patient and friendly attitude will insure that every attendee comes away with good feelings about the ANA and the Chicago Coin Club.

The Numismatic Theatre Chairman is responsible for soliciting proposals for Numismatic Theatre presentations **well in advance** of the convention. (This should be fun, because our club is not lacking for people who can present good, original programs well, but of course speakers are not limited to our area, and good speakers from across the nation should be contacted also.) But the chairman is relieved of drawing up the actual program schedule and Numismatic Theatre Guide, which is done by ANA headquarters. An Assistant Chairman and at least one backup member are needed, so that every presenter can be properly introduced and honored with an ANA Educational Certificate (and gift from the Chicago Coin Club, if the members approve).

The Pages Chairman is responsible for inviting Young Numismatists age 11-17 (in 2011) to serve as pages for the convention (mailing done by the ANA). At the convention, the chairman supervises the pages, ensuring that all ANA rules are followed.

The ANA has renamed the Exhibits area the Collector Gallery. Paul Hybert, who was our Exhibit Chairman in 1999 and who is an ANA exhibits buff to boot, has agreed to assume this responsibility again for 2011. He needs an Assistant Chairman (or Co-Chairman) and two other members for his committee. It is not too early to start planning **your** exhibit for 2011!

The Scout Workshops are an important part of every ANA convention, and the Scout Workshops Chairman works closely with ANA headquarters to organize them, both for Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts. The ANA provides appropriate flyers for distribution to local Scout councils. This is a big job, and the Chairman will

need an Assistant Chairman.

The Patron Chairman is responsible for seeking donations to the ANA in support of the convention.

The Medal Chairman will solicit ideas from members of the Chicago Coin Club for the design of the Official Convention Medal, **by the deadline of February 1, 2010** (sic), and forward them to ANA headquarters. Since the ANA produces and pays for the medal, their decision as to design is final.

One problem that held down attendance at the 2009 Los Angeles convention was that “the convention was held in a remote area and parking there was very expensive.” Sound familiar? This could describe the Stevens Center.

Consequently, I propose to appoint an Outreach/Local Transportation Chairman, whose committee will be charged with visiting local (and not-so-local) clubs, boosting the convention and explaining the situation, and urging them to organize car pools or even charter vans (**not** at ANA expense, however) to minimize parking costs. The admission charge for non-ANA members would be mentioned too, and prospective attendees advised to join early to avoid the lines at the admission booths. Public transportation is available for the Stevens Center, and this committee would also be charged with getting the word out on that.

In recent years, host club members have identified themselves by wearing distinctive clothing, usually specially-colored dress-type shirts. I don’t know what the Boston committee is doing, but tricorne hats have been mentioned. If they go with shirts, though, we are beginning to run out of bright colors. The Branding (“Gear”) committee would be charged with coming up with a way for us to be recognized at a glance, be it black shirts and pearl gray fedoras, stovepipe hats, beauty-contest type sashes, or whatever. (ANA approval is required, mainly for logo usage but also to coordinate with the overall convention theme.)

While the duties of the Collector Gallery Chairman are spelled out by the ANA for the competitive exhibits, I am thinking of appointing someone to focus on noncompetitive exhibits (other than those of the ANA itself, Smithsonian Institution, American Numismatic Society, and certain dealer exhibits, which will be handled exclusively by ANA headquarters). I hope to bring several blockbuster exhibits to Chicago, in several categories. The Milwaukee ANA convention featured the incomparable Chester L. Krause collection of Wisconsin paper money, never to be seen again since it has been dispersed at auction. I’d like to bring similar exhibits here, ones that will never be placed in competition because of excessive rarity and/or privacy/security concerns.

This will require a knowledgeable and patient negotiator able to ferret out these potential exhibits, estimate size and other special requirements, and obtain advance approval from ANA headquarters. This person might also need to arrange for exhibit construction (Chet told me that the cases for his exhibit cost him over \$30,000) and insurance (neither the ANA nor the Stevens Center

provide any insurance for exhibits, though the ANA could probably facilitate contacts with sources of exhibit insurance). The Noncompetitive Exhibits Chairman would also work to ensure that these exhibits are suitably publicized.

Finally, with so many workers, we will need a Chicago Volunteers Manager (“Volunteers Chairman”) to recruit good, dependable workers and manage schedules so that everyone knows each day where he or she is to be at any given time. This position would be responsible for our local volunteers only, not the National Volunteers who do their own coordination. It calls for an outgoing, persuasive (yet discriminating) person to assist the General Chairman in obtaining volunteers, and also someone who can run appropriate scheduling software on a laptop at the show, providing everyone with their daily assignments.

This list is somewhat fluid, and some positions may be found to be duplicative and capable of being combined with others. Please look it over and let me know your preferences as soon as possible — the choice assignments will go quickly!

(Bob can be reached through chatter_editor@yahoo.com.)

Birthday and Year Joined

December 6	Allen H. Meyer	1990
December 7	Brian C. Stubbs	1980
December 10	Mike Gasvoda	1995
December 11	Robert Greenstein	2009
December 16	Michael Schmidt	2000
December 17	Chris Patton	2009
December 19	William Noble	1980
December 26	Kevin J. Blocker	2000
December 29	Nick Weiss	1996
December 30	Robert Graves	2006
December 31	Phillip J. Carrigan	1989



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~West Virginia Merchant Tokens by David E. Schenkman

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Volume III by Adolfo Modesti

~Corpus Numismaticum Omnium Romanorum Pontificum,
Volume IV by Adolfo Modesti

Annual Member Auction

Here are the lots known to us by October 27, 2009. The auction will be held near the start of the meeting, after a short time for lot examination; consignments are accepted until the auction starts.

Consignment from estate of Chet Poderski (former CCC Member):

1. Anthony Swiatek and Walter Breen, *The Encyclopedia of Silver and Gold Commemorative Coins 1892 to 1954*, 1981, F.C.I. Press.
2. —, *Medals of the United States Mint*, 1977, TAMS.
3. —, *Coins and Coinage*, pages 326-341 disbound from *Harper's Monthly Magazine*, Feb 1860.
4. Two books: Scott Travers, *Top 88 Coins over \$100*, 1998, Bonus Books. Kenneth E. Bressett, *Collectible American Coins*, 1991, Publications International.
5. Two books: —, 1980 brochure from the PAK, Jefferson Full Step Club. Paul Marvin and Arnold Margolis, *The Design Cud*, 1979, Heigh-Ho Printing.
6. Three books: J.W. Baum, *Baum's Checklist & Album of Office of Price Administration Tokens*. Russell Rulau, *U.S. Merchant Tokens 1845-1860*, 1st edition. Russell Rulau, *Hard Times Tokens*, 1980, Krause Publications.
7. —, *The Chip Rack, A Price Guide to the Casino Chips and Checks of Nevada*, 2001, 8th edition, KMW Publishing.
8. Chester L. Krause, *Guidebook of Franklin Mint Issues*, 1979, Krause Publications.
9. Three books: —, *PCGS Official Guide to Coin Grading and Counterfeit Detection*, 1997, House of Collectibles. David C. Harper, *2000 North American Coins & Prices*, 1999, Krause Publications, (with sticker: ANA World's Fair of Money, August 14, 1999, Chicago). R.S. Yeoman, *1964 Red Book*, 1963, Whitman Publishing.
10. Two books: Ken Bressett and A. Kosoff, *The Official ANA Grading Standards for United States Coins*. R.S. Yeoman, *1964 Red Book*, 1963, Whitman Publishing, (*Whitman Numismatic Journal* subscription offer on first and last pages).
11. *1955 ANA Convention Catalogue*, Omaha, Catalogued and Sold by Bebee's, (cover has handstamp: from J.H. Ripstra, 2126 Gladys Ave, Chicago, Ill.).
12. Saul Needleman, editor, *Perspectives in Numismatics*, 1986, Ares Publishers, hardbound.
13. *Chicago Coin Club Bulletin*, Oct 1936, Volume 1, No. 3. Two sheets, 9" by 6", torn, one sheet has gummy stain.
14. *Chicago Coin Club Chatter*, Vol. 13, No. 10 from Oct 12, 1960, for the 501st meeting.

15. Chicago Coin Club *Fall Festival Sale*, Oct 13-15, 1961. Sale conducted by Ben's Coin Co.
16. Three books: Les and Sue Fox, *Silver Dollar Fortune Telling*, 1979, 3rd edition (also marked: Part Three - First edition 1979). Lorraine S. Durst & Sanford J. Durst, *World Silver Coin Value Guide*, 1980, Sanford J. Durst. Lorraine S. Durst & Sanford J. Durst, *World Gold Coin Value Guide*, 1980, Sanford J. Durst.
17. Lonesome John, *Detecting Counterfeit Gold Coins Book 2*, 1978, 5th printing, Heigh-Ho Printing.
18. Two books: K.E. Bressett, *A Guide Book of English Coins*, 1966, 5th edition, Whitman Publishing. Robert P. Harris, *A Guide Book of Modern Latin American Coins*, 1966, Whitman Publishing.
19. Two books: James E. Charlton & Robert C. Willey, *Standard Guide to Canadian Decimal Coins*, 1965, Whitman Publishing, (stamped: Complimentary Copy). —, *The Charlton Standard Catalogue of Canadian Paper Money*, 1980, The Charlton Press.
20. Gunter Schon, translated by Geoge Muller, *World Coin Catalogue Twentieth Century*, 1972, Simon & Schuster.
21. —, *Standard Catalog of German Coins 1601 to Present, Including Colonial Issues*, 1998, 2nd edition, Krause Publications.
22. —, *Deluxe Library Edition of Standard Catalog of World Coins*, two hard bound volumes in one slipcase, 1986, Krause Publications.
23. —, *Standard Catalog of World Coins*, 1990, 17th edition, Krause Publications.
24. —, *1978 Coin World Almanac*, 1977, 3rd edition, Amos Press.
25. —, *MRI Bankers Guide to Foreign Currency*, Summer 1994, 14th edition, Monetary Research Institute.
26. Albert Pick, *Standard Catalog of World Paper Money*, hardbound in two volumes, first volume signed by Bruce, Moe, Jenson, Pettit, and Borgman. Volume 1, 1984 4th edition, Volume 2, 1982 4th edition, Krause Publications.
27. John Hickman and Dean Oakes, *Standard Catalog of National Bank Notes*, 1982, 1st edition, Krause Publications.
28. Don C. Kelly, *National Bank Notes, A Guide with Prices*, 1981, Paper Money Institute.
29. Two books: Gene Hessler, *The Comprehensive Catalog of U.S. Paper Money*, 1992, 5th edition, BNR Press, (inscribed by author to Harry X Boosel). —, *Whitman Guide Book of United States Currency*, 1999, 3rd edition, Golden Books Publishing.
30. Two catalogs from Currency Auctions of America: Fall Sale, Sep 22-23, 2000, Cleveland, Ohio. Signature Sale, Sep 21-22, 2001, Cincinnati.
31. Two books: Robert Friedberg, *Paper Money of the United States*, 1986, 11th edition, The Coin and Currency Institute. Chester L. Krause and Richard Lueke, *Standard Catalog of United States Paper Money*, 1981, 1st edition, Krause Publications.
32. Two books: Robert Friedberg, *Paper Money of the United States*, 1995,

14th edition, The Coin and Currency Institute. ‐ 2000 *Black Book Price Guide to United States paper Currency*, 32nd edition, House of Collectibles.

33. Three books: Coin World, *Price Guide for the Collector of U.S. Paper Money Errors* 1973, Amos Press. Tom Knebl, *Fractional Currency Cataog #7*. —, *Hewitt-Donlon Catalog of United States Small Size Paper Money*, 1979, 14th edition, House of Collectibles.
34. Six items regarding gold: 13 mimeographed sheets from Office of Domestic Gold and Soilver Operations of the Treasury Department, from the 1960s, identifying some coins that can (or not) be kept by collectors. —, *Standard Catalog of World Gold Coins*, 1985, Krause Publications. Assorted brochures on gold. 11 by 17 inch poster of modern gold bullion coins of Canada, Austria, South Africa, and Mexico.
35. Small display of altered checks and related information.
36. Box of 2 by 2 coin slides and plexiglass with impressed coin images.
37. Five plaques awarded to Chet: four from CCC (three Cabeen, one program speaker), and Merit Award from Oak Park Coin Club.
38. 3-piece plexiglass holder for Liberty Head (Barber) Quarters.
39. Six 3-piece plexiglass holders for commemorative half dollars.
40. Two 3-piece plexiglass holders: 4-space for Maundy Money, and 6-space U.S. for 25th Anniversary.
41. Cardboard holder with 12 of 17 Great Olympic Moments medals in aluminum, with reeded edge. Also an aluminum \$2 token from *Numismatic News* for 30th anniversary 1952-1982.
42. Assorted wooden nickels, some up to \$1.
43. Coin board: #354, Indian Head Penny Collector, ©1935, J.K. Post, Neenah, Wis.
44. Coin board: #355: Lincoln Penny Collector, ©1934, J.K. Post, Neenah, Wis.
45. Coin board: #391: Lincoln Penny Collector, ©1934, J.K. Post, Neenah, Wis.
46. Coin board: #396: Liberty Head Nickel, ©1938.
47. Coin board: #397: Buffalo Nickel, ©1938.
48. Coin board: #357: Liberty Head Nickel, ©1938, faded blue paper, rubber stamp on back: BEN'S STAMP & COIN, 72 W. WASHINGTON — CHICAGO, ILL

Consigned by Bill Brandimore:

50. Encased Stamp - Chicago Numismatic Round Table 20th Anniversary - 1952 - Lincoln 3 Cent
51. Encased Stamp - Chicago Numismatic Round Table 20th Anniversary - 1954 - Liberty 3 Cent
52. Encased Stamp - Chicago Numismatic Round Table 20th Anniversary - 1955 - Liberty 8 Cent
53. 2 Encased Stamps - for ANA Member Ernest Jonas #1740 - 1 Cent & 4 Cent

Consigned by Robert Leonard:

54. Dwight D. Eisenhower Bronze 3D Presidential Medal - 1953-1961

Donated to the club by Harlan Berk:

55. 1992 P - PCGS PR69 DCAM COLUMBUS SILVER \$1
56. 2002P Slabbed - ANACS Ohio State Quarter - Central States show, April 2002
57. 2006 NGC MS69 Silver Dollar Eagle
58. Bi-Metallic Brass & Bronze American Historic society Memorial Tribute - President Reagan

Consigned by Carl Wolf:

59. Car Wash Tokens of North American 1997 by Harold V. Ford - Brand New - Sealed
60. A Handbook of Islamic Coins by Michael Broome
61. Paper Money of the United States by Arthur and Ira Friedberg - Brand New - Sealed
62. Canadian Coins, Currency & Tokens 1961 & 3 Charlton Catalogue of Canadian Coins
63. 4 Coin Bks - High Profits/Collectors Handbk/ Top 88 Coins/Travers Rare Coin Investmt
64. 3 Coin Bks- US 3 & 5 Cent Pieces/US Dimes/Quarters 1/2 Dollars/High Profits
65. 2 Coin Bks - Comm Coins of the US & Guide Book of Morgan Silver Dollars
66. 2 Coin Bks - Coins Q&A and Coin World Almanac 1984
67. 4 Coin Books - US Copper Coins/New Inventory Bk/Coin Collecting/US Comms & James Curto Medal from TAMS
68. 2 Coin Books - The Experts' Guide Collecting & Investing & 2000 Coins & Prices
69. 2 Coin Books - New Photograde and Making the Grade
70. 2 Coin Bks - Story of Krause Publications/ Just Plain Chet and Chester Krause Medal
71. NCI Grading Guide (sealed) and Milwaukee 2007 large Bronze Medal for the ANA Show
72. 4 Bks - Coin Dealer Directory/Coin World Almanac 1st Ed/US Coin Digest/NCI Grading Guide - New

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Preview of Our December Banquet (1092nd Meeting)

Date: December 9, 2008

Time: 6PM to 7PM Cocktails and Hors d'oeuvres
7PM to 9 PM+ Dinner and Meeting

Location: Marcello's Restaurant, 645 West North Avenue, Chicago, IL 312-654-2560. Ample free parking is available in their parking lot. If public transportation is taken, it's just east of the North Avenue subway stop on the CTA Red Line.

Menu: The evening's hors d'oeuvres and dinner menu will be detailed in the December *Chatter*.

The cost is \$35.00 per person and reservations are required. Make your check payable to Chicago Coin Club, P.O. Box 2301, Chicago, IL 60690. If time is short, e-mail your reservation to carlwolfco@msn.com, or call 773-878-8979 during workdays and make arrangements to pay at the door.

Please make reservations as early as you can so we can plan for an appropriate room size.

Program: Dr. Jennifer Tobin on *The Coinage of Mithrapata of Lycia: Evidence of Dynastic Struggles in the Fourth Century B.C.*

The region known as Lycia, located in the SW corner of modern day Turkey, had a reputation in antiquity for fierce independence. Although conquered by Persia in the mid-6th c BC, Lycia maintained local autonomy thanks to the efforts of a dynasty, the Kherigans, who ruled from the city of Xanthus. During the nearly two-century rule of this family, Lycia was for the first time united politically, and a cultural identity emerged, recognized today in the numerous inscriptions in the unique Lycian language, in its singular architectural styles, and in its specialized system of coinage. During the early 4th century BC, however, the dynasty began to falter and Lycia fragmented, ruled temporarily by several small-time dynasts in various parts of the region. Ultimately this divided rule allowed stronger Persian control of Lycia. One of these dynasts was Mithrapata, who for a time ruled the eastern portion of Lycia. The Art Institute of Chicago's recent acquisition of a coin of this leader provides a window into these troubled times. This talk presents the coin in its historical and art historical context, in order to ascertain who Mithrapata was, what were his aims and why his coins bear the type of images they do.

Agenda: Award Presentations

Speaker's Wor[l]d

Coins Recently Excavated at Crusader Castle Vadum Iacob

presented by Robert Kool
to our October 14, 2009 meeting

Robert Kool, the senior curator with the Coin Department of the Israel Antiquities Authority, was in Chicago for a conference at DePaul University. One of his interests is archaeological reflections of money circulation in the Latin Kingdom of Jerusalem.

The presentation started with a recent image, taken from the side with an elevated perspective, of a low, flat-topped hill located in a bend of a blue river. There is green vegetation on a rocky landscape. No man-made objects can be identified, so determining the scale is hard. Some straight edges and general shapes appear in the terrain. This is not some overgrown industrial site along the south branch of the Chicago River. The river is the Jordan, the Golan Heights are off that way, and Galilee is over there.

The archaeological project started fifteen years ago as the excavation of an unknown crusader castle. It was identified as *Vadum Iacob*, which is latin for Jacob's Ford. Details are available at <http://vadumiacob.huji.ac.il>. Construction of the castle had started in October, 1178, and Saladin, 60 miles away in Damascus, saw this as a provocation. He led his army and the castle quickly fell, on August 29, 1179. The attack was documented by both sides, and there is archaeological evidence for a bloody battle; in addition to a few large weapons, hundreds of arrowheads were found. Other aspects of the site, such as the presence of building tools, are known only from the archaeological record.

During excavation in 2007 of a 1½ meter square area of the courtyard at the southern end of the castle, four human skeletons were found. The bodies were partially burned, and around them were burned beams; below them were the remains of small animals, suggesting they died in an animal pen. Historical records have the bodies of 800 dead defenders being thrown into the castle's well; if that is true, then the bodies found elsewhere in the site are where they fell and were covered by rubble during the attack. The usual custom was for the victors to strip the dead of weapons and valuables. Robert pointed out some combat wounds on some of those remains, giving our meeting the air of a forensic investigation. Adding to the mystery was what appeared to be a spring high under one of the arms. They were the rims of a stack of coins; further digging produced a snake-like roll of coins similar in shape to coin clumps found in other hoards.

A total of 160 deniers were found — that was a coin of silver billon (an alloy of

less than 50% silver). One was an Antioch denier of Bohemond III, 1163-1201, while all the others were of Amaury I of the Kingdom of Jerusalem, 1163-1174; they have the legend AMALRICUS REX DE IERUSALEM. Large billon hoards are rarely found; when found outside of the territory of the Latin Kings, they usually are of a later type. (A hoard recently found in Syria contained 4,000 coins, but only six Amaury deniers; no pictures are known of that hoard that was dispersed quickly.) These coins lead Robert to ask many questions, from about the last minutes of the battle, to the daily use of money. A large sum of money on a corpse demonstrates the speed of the defeat. The exact identity of the purse's owner will never be known, but knowing how much it was it could help narrow the field. At equivalent to about four gold dinars, 400-500 kg of wheat, 8 sheep, 55 kg of cotton, or 4 simple tunics were some of the items mentioned by Robert.

The denier was the principle type circulating at the castle. From this hoard and other single finds at the castle, Amaury coins were virtually the only coins in circulation. The coins of Baldwin, an earlier ruler, had been recalled and recoinced. Making use of this hoard, another from March, and a number of individual pieces, Robert has identified 130 obverse dies so far. Using the accepted number of 15,000 coins per die leads him to an estimated total circulation of 2 million pieces. These are indications of a central administration that was strong and had money, which has not been the generally accepted view of the Latin Kingdom of Jerusalem. Robert concluded with a table of various monetary statistics from earlier and contemporary European kingdoms, as well as from modern nations — per capita circulating amounts, and such. He hopes to gain a better understanding of the kingdom through his continuing research of the monetary evidence.

Show and Tell

Items shown at our October 14, 2009 meeting.

1. To complement the featured speaker's presentation, **Robert Leonard** started with two coins before going onto old books that have at least a few chapters on primitive money.
 - Two deniers from the Holy Land: one from Jerusalem of Amaury (1163-74), and one from Antioch of Bohemond III (1163-1201).
 - The Attic reprint of the 1892 *Origin of Currency* by Ridgeway.
 - The 1897 edition of *Money and the Mechanism of Exchange* by Jevon, originally published in 1875.
 - The 1906 edition of *Folkways* by Sumner, this being more of a sociology and anthropology text.
2. **Don Dool** showed items from south of the border:
 - *Las Fichas Tranviarias Argentinas* by Miguel A. Marucci is a booklet on Argentine tramway tokens.
 - Some Mexican local issues, starting with an 1861 1 centavo from MUNICPIO DE CAMPECHE.
 - An 1856 eighth real from Cotija. The reverse includes the name JOSE NUNES that Don feels was probably a local merchant.
 - An 1859 eighth real from MUNICIPALIDAD DEL PROGRESO.
 - An 1814 quartilla from Sayula. It is supposed to be uniface, with A(yuntamiento). C(iudad). D(e). SAYULA 1814 on the perimeter; the reverse is blank except for what appears to be a double brockage of the beaded edge. Don's Spanish-English dictionary has two definitions for *ayuntamiento*: municipal government and sexual union.
3. **Mark Wieclaw** showed a range of items:
 - A 1967 proof set from Haiti, mounted in a large cardboard holder. The five gold pieces contain a total of 7.28 ounces of gold; the other three pieces are just silver.
 - Two Mexican Guadeloupe 5 peso pieces, one original and the other was heavily worked. At first glance, the arcing holes made Mark think it can be carved, but a weight check shows it to be only slightly under weight; maybe the metal was just moved around.
 - An encapsulated Lincoln Cent from the ILNA show in September. Two companies were handing out examples of their slabs, using two of the four 2009 types of cents, from the Philadelphia and Denver mints; a collector will need eight slabs to complete an ILNA set.
 - A one ounce .999 fine silver medal from Lionsixx, in a cardboard holder. Benjamin Disraeli is featured on this piece; other people are honored on the other three pieces in this 1970 set. The holder lists a

different purchase price for each piece, or a complete set could be purchased. This was a *thank you* for responding to a Booth's House of Lords Gin Survey.

4. **David Gumm** showed two U.S. items:

- An 1809 Half Cent of the C3 variety in a PCGS holder graded XF 45. Maybe generous, as it has some little scratches and such, and it appears someone traced around some of the date digits with a sharp pin.
- The booklet *The Strange Career of Dr. Wilkins* by Q. David Bowers. That resident of Pittsfield, New Hampshire counterstamped foreign and U.S. coins, maybe marking more pieces than anyone else.

5. **Richard Lipman** showed a range of items:

- The September *The Numismatist* had an article on twenty cent pieces; it reminded him that we had discussed the use of *bit* as a denomination a month or two ago. A Knickerbocker baseball club manual is an example of an item denominated in bits; it lists a 6¼¢ fine for profanity and 12½¢ fine for disputing an umpire call. A souvenir from a family visit to Hershey, Pennsylvania — an “apprentice” medal awarded to a young visitor after completing a tour. After telling us about Milton Hershey and his company, he passed out some other souvenirs for us to enjoy.
- A Lincoln cent with three oval cutouts producing a smiley face.

6. **Zoujun Dai** showed two 1934 aluminum bronze pieces from Tannu Tuva: a 3 kopejeks and a 5 kopejeks. At that time it was a separate country between Mongolia and the Soviet Union, but in 1944 it became a Soviet Republic.

7. **Bob Weinstein** showed silver drachms of the Indo-Greek king Antialkidas with different forms of Greek letters. The standard shapes of Sigma and Omega, Σ and Ω, appear on Indo-Scythian coins, and later coins use some other cursive and square forms. Or so it was assumed, because the Romans used those forms later, and it took time for that convention to reach India. Recent hoard evidence from India shows that Antialkidas issued a coin with the square letter type about 120 BC, 100 years before they were used in the west. From the September CNG auction, Bob acquired a drachm of Antialkidas that uses the cursive letter types and has unique mint marks.

8. While in Arkansas a month ago, **Nick Weiss** saw some rough looking items in an antique store. He showed us two anonymous Byzantine folis from 1023-1028; in addition to help in identifying the pieces, he has also received some hints on how to clean them and inhibit the slow corrosion that produces green powdery areas, especially near the cracks and crevices.

9. **Warren Schultz** showed a 1967 book, *The History of Modern Israel's Money*. After he took the book home, he found a laminated Hebrew date conversion chart and a Gold Facts flyer from the Swiss-American Corporation.

10. **Carl Wolf** showed his latest framed display of primitive money — Amber Trade Beads. Amber is fossilized sap from extinct trees that lived 40-60 million years ago. The main source is northern Europe, and the color commonly varies from a pale yellow to a reddish brown. Beads have been found in archaeological sites 15,000 years old, and are still used in some places today. When rubbed, amber builds a static charge sufficient to lift lint or small piece of paper; this magical property led ancients to ascribe other mystical properties to amber.

Our 1091st Meeting

Date: November 11, 2009

Time: 6:45 PM

Location: Downtown Chicago

At the Chicago Bar Association, 321 S. Plymouth Court, 4th floor meeting room. *Please remember the security measures at our meeting building: everyone must show their photo-ID and register at the guard's desk.* A few blocks west of the CBA building is the Ceres Restaurant (enter the Board of Trade building from Jackson at LaSalle, then enter the restaurant from the lobby) with standard sandwiches, burgers, and salads for members who want to meet for dinner.

Member Auction: Although the deadline for listing lots in the *Chatter* is past, you can still bring your lots with you to the November meeting. In the past few years, club related material (and Chicago area numismatic items) have realized the best results. Please consider using the club auction to dispose of the numismatic items you no longer need.

You can place a reserve on each lot, and there is no commission charged to either the buyer or seller. Auction lot viewing will be held before the meeting starts, and again briefly before the auction starts.

Please find elsewhere in this issue of the *Chatter* a listing of all auction lots that were known to us by Tuesday, October 27.

Chatter Matter

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December, 2009

Important Dates

December	9	CCC Meeting - Annual Banquet - Featured Speaker - Dr. Jennifer Tobin on <i>The Coinage of Mithrapata of Lycia: Evidence of Dynastic Struggles in the Fourth Century B.C.</i>
January	13	CCC Meeting - Featured Speaker - Paul Johnson on <i>Canadian Colonial Tokens</i>
February	10	CCC Meeting - Featured Speaker - <i>to be announced</i>
March	10	CCC Meeting - Featured Speaker - <i>to be announced</i>
March	18-21	16th annual Chicago Paper Money Expo (CPMX) at the Crown Plaza Chicago O'Hare, 5440 North River Road, Rosemont, IL. Admission is \$5 for Friday and Saturday; free on Sunday.
March	20	CCC Meeting - 1pm at the Chicago Paper Money Expo, which is held at the Crown Plaza Chicago O'Hare, 5440 North River Road, Rosemont, IL. No admission charge for our meeting. Featured Speaker - <i>to be announced</i>
April	14	CCC Meeting - Featured Speaker - <i>to be announced</i>
April	22-25	35th annual Chicago International Coin Fair (CICF) at the Crown Plaza Chicago O'Hare, 5440 North River Road, Rosemont, IL. Admission is \$5 for Friday and Saturday; free on Sunday.
April	24	CCC Meeting - 1pm at the Chicago International Coin Fair (CICF), which is held at the Crown Plaza Chicago O'Hare, 5440 North River Road, Rosemont, IL. No admission charge for our meeting. Featured Speaker - <i>to be announced</i>
May	12	CCC Meeting - Featured Speaker - <i>to be announced</i>

Birthday and Year Joined

January 2	Al Sawyer	1999
January 12	Elliot Kreiter	2004
January 16	Michael Metras	
January 26	Jennie Sochon	1982
January 30	Ivan Thompson	2009

Final Reports from the 90th Anniversary Committee

Here are the final reports from the club's 90th anniversary committee; they had arrived some months ago, but are included in this last issue of 2009. Sorry for the delay.

Income Statement for CCC 90th Anniversary

Income

90th Banquet	\$2,166.00
90th Material (Medals/Shipping)	10,250.00
Gifts	3,074.11
Total 90th Income	\$15,490.11

Expense

90th Banquet (net)	\$2,207.76
90th Booklet Printing	467.61
90th Boxes	459.13
90th Medals-Dies	1,665.00
90th Medals-AE	3,201.24
90th Medals-AR	6,525.00
90th Paper	40.00
90th Printing	199.50
90th Shipping	165.38
90th Stamps	63.00
Total 90th Expense	\$14,993.62
Net Income 90th	496.49

90th Anniversary Committee Minutes May 20, 2009

A wrap-up and review meeting of the Chicago Coin Club's 90th Anniversary Committee was held May 20, 2009 at Connie's Pizza, 2372 S. Archer Ave., Chicago. Chairman Mark Wieclaw called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM with ten members present: Kevin and Sharon Blocker, William Burd, Elliot Krieter,

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~The Gobrecht Journal, For Collectors of the
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~Thrymsas and Sceattas, In the Ashmolean Museum Oxford;
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Volume 3 by D.M. Metcalf

~Johns Hopkins University Studies in Historical and Political
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Minutes of the 1091st Meeting

The 1091st meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was held November 11, 2009 in the Chicago Bar Association Building, 321 S. Plymouth Court, Downtown Chicago. President Jeffrey Rosinia called the meeting to order at 6:45 PM with an attendance of 22 members and 1 guest, Teresa Thompson. President Rosinia called asked members to stand for a moment of silence in observance of Veteran's Day.

The October Minutes printed in the *Chatter* were approved as published. Treasurer Steve Zitowsky reported October receipts \$150.00, expenses \$962.98 and total income -\$776.98, leaving total assets of \$13994.08 which is in Life Memberships \$2,390.00 and Members' Equity \$11,604.08. Steve also called for members to submit annual dues of \$20.00, December banquet reservations of \$35.00 and donations for hor d'oeuvres.

Following the second reading of the applications for membership of Martin Aguilera and Syed Yousef, separate motions were made and passed to accept them into the Club.

Robert Leonard, General Chairman of the 2011 ANA Convention, reported the appointments of Phil Carrigan and Michael Gasvoda as Co-Chairman of the Numismatic Theatre, David Simpson as Chairman of the Medals Committee and Carl Wolf Chairman of the Volunteers and Scheduling Committee. Robert took a minute to describe the responsibilities of the Activities Chairman which he had neglected to list in the recent issue of the *Chatter*.

The evening's program was the annual auction which exceeded 85 lots made up mostly of numismatic books. President Rosinia served as auctioneer.

Adjournment was at 8:30 PM with the annual banquet as the next meeting to be held Wednesday, December 9th at Marcello's Restaurant, 645 W. North Ave., Chicago. Cash bar opens at 6 PM and family style dinner at 7 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Carl Wolf, Secretary

Our 1092nd Meeting

Date: December 9, 2008

Time: 6PM to 7PM Cocktails and Hors d'oeuvres
7PM to 9 PM+ Dinner and Meeting

Location: Marcello's Restaurant, 645 West North Avenue, Chicago, IL 312-654-2560.
Ample free parking is available in their parking lot. If public transportation is taken, it's just east of the North Avenue subway stop on the CTA Red Line.

Menu: Dinner starts with Italian Mozzarella Salad with Red Onion, Tomatoes, Mozzarella Cheese, Black Olives, and Pepperoncini served with Homemade Italian Dressing. Entrees are: Teriyaki, BBQ, Garlic Oregano or Batter Dipped Broasted Chicken; and Tri-Colored Cheese Tortellini with Roasted Garlic, Basil, and Tomato Sauce. Side dishes are: Grilled Seasonal Vegetable Medley, and Double Baked Potatoes with Sour Cream and Scallions. Home-made sweets fresh from the bakery make up dessert.

The cost is \$35.00 per person and reservations are required. Make your check payable to Chicago Coin Club, P.O. Box 2301, Chicago, IL 60690. If time is short, e-mail your reservation to carlwolfco@msn.com, or call 773-878-8979 during workdays and make arrangements to pay at the door.

Please make reservations as early as you can so we can plan for an appropriate room size.

Program: Dr. Jennifer Tobin on *The Coinage of Mithrapata of Lycia: Evidence of Dynastic Struggles in the Fourth Century B.C.*

The region known as Lycia, located in the SW corner of modern day Turkey, had a reputation in antiquity for fierce independence. Although conquered by Persia in the mid-6th c BC, Lycia maintained local autonomy thanks to the efforts of a dynasty, the Kherigans, who ruled from the city of Xanthus. During the nearly two-century rule of this family, Lycia was for the first time united politically, and a cultural identity emerged, recognized today in the numerous inscriptions in the unique Lycian language, in its singular architectural styles, and in its specialized system of coinage. During the early 4th century BC, however, the dynasty began to falter and Lycia fragmented, ruled temporarily by several small-time dynasts in various parts of the region. Ultimately this divided rule allowed stronger Persian control of Lycia. One of these dynasts was Mithrapata, who for a time ruled the eastern portion of Lycia. The Art Institute of Chicago's recent acquisition of a coin of this leader provides a window into these troubled times. This talk presents the coin in its historical and art historical context, in order to ascertain who Mithrapata was, what were his aims and why his coins bear the type of images they do.

Agenda: Award Presentations

Gene Freeman, Robert Feiler, Steve Zitowsky, Jeff Rosinia, Marc Stackler and Carl Wolf.

Steve Zitowsky passed out a detailed financial breakdown of the event showing receipts \$15,490.11, expenses \$14,993.62 and net income \$496.49. The expense figure included extra medals that would convert into sales and increase the net income.

Overall the committee felt satisfied with the event, but in retrospect, everyone agreed some improvements could be made.

- The banquet room was warm and crowded. If the room were larger, then members would have room to mingle, take group photographs, etc.
- The medal design was decided in time for production to meet our event date, but too late to get a trial strike photograph into some publications which would increase pre-orders. Had the committee made a final decision earlier, then trial strike photographs would have accompanied the press releases.
- The Anniversary Committee worked well together and consistently met every month. If sub-committees were formed earlier and met between regular committee meetings, then work on some projects could have started sooner and some decisions might have been reached earlier.

At the conclusion the committee thanked Mark Wieclaw for his leadership and gave him a warm round of applause.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Carl Wolf, Secretary

Final Secretary's Note — June, 2009

At this weekend's MidAmerica Coin Expo, collectors bought 4 bronze and the last sterling silver Lincoln medals commemorating our 90th Anniversary. During the show, additional orders arrived via e-mail and we set aside more medals.

Yesterday morning, our last medal sold. Currently, we have five bronze medals on hand for collectors who committed via e-mail to send their checks immediately. As checks arrive, the medals will ship.

Congratulations everyone for making this project a great success!

Respectfully Submitted,
Carl Wolf, Secretary

Auction Results

November 14, 2007

These are the realized prices for the lots listed in the November *Chatter*; some additional lots were consigned just before the auction.

1	\$8.00	13	35.00	25	1.00	37	1.00	50	8.00	61	11.00
2	6.00	14	30.00	26	7.00	38	1.00	51	12.00	62	1.00
3	30.00	15	3.00	27	1.00	39	1.00	52	8.00	63	-
4	4.00	16	1.00	28	5.00	40	1.00	53	55.00	64	1.00
5	2.00	17	4.00	29	3.00	41	1.00	54	3.00	65	5.00
6	5.00	18	6.00	30	1.00	42	4.00	55	20.00	66	1.00
7	5.00	19	1.00	31	1.00	43	2.00	56	2.00	67	8.00
8	5.00	20	3.00	32	1.00	44	2.00	57	25.00	68	3.00
9	6.00	21	8.00	33	3.00	45	3.00	58	7.00	69	7.00
10	1.00	22	20.00	34	6.00	46	3.00	59	2.00	70	5.00
11	1.00	23	3.00	35	5.00	47	5.00	60	18.00	71	7.00
12	9.00	24	1.00	36	1.00	48	2.00			72	4.00

Call for Medal Designs

Although the ANA convention in Chicago is 20 months away, our local committee has to submit designs for the convention medal by February 1.

The Medal Committee is looking for drawings and ideas suitable for a medal about 1.5 inches in diameter. Please mail them to:

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or email to chatter_editor@yahoo.com. The deadline for submissions is Tuesday, January 19, 2010.

Now would be a great time to submit a great idea for the convention's theme!